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COMMENT OF THE DAY

TUNISIAN BORDER BOMBING

FRANCO-TUNISIAN relations are disturbing and must be viewed with grave concern following the French bombing of the border village of Sakiet-Sidi-Youssef.

The apparent indiscriminate bombing of the village, on the pretence that an anti-aircraft battery in the area fired at a French plane is not justifiable under any circumstances.

That the French are having trouble with Algerian rebels using Tunisia as a base for operations against them is beyond dispute. But retaliation in the form it has taken cannot be condoned and can only be deplored irrespective of the alleged aggravation.

Former Premier M. Mendes-France said, "I do not believe for an instant that the French Government—however grave its grounds for complaint against a foreign government—could order the bombardment of a village, a market, women and children."

Assumption

NO one other than those who wish to believe otherwise will argue with M. Mendes-France and it can only be assumed that the field commander lacked judgment or alternatively that his air force went beyond its allotted task.

But the fact remains that the village has been bombed and innocent people have been killed or injured. In consequence of which there is now political turmoil which will not enhance France's international reputation.

For the Western Alliance the position is precarious. Mr. Habib Bourguiba, the Tunisian President, is known as a staunch supporter of the West against possible Communist penetration in North African countries.

Setback

THE Western Alliance suffered a setback among the Mediterranean nations during the Suez crisis and the supply of arms to Tunisia by Britain and the United States late last year did not help to improve Anglo-American-French concord.

By supplying arms to Tunisia Britain and the United States started a furore in France, but the real effect was to bring President Bourguiba nearer to the West in spite of repeated protests by the French.

The bombing has compromised Anglo-American relations with President Bourguiba as both nations have endeavoured to maintain friendship with Tunisia while working with France as an ally in the Western Alliance.

Complaint To UN

THE Tunisian Ambassador has been instructed to place a complaint before the United Nations Security Council where Britain and the United States will find themselves in an embarrassing position in the subsequent discussions.

France would do well to offer immediate indemnities and allow the Security Council to take what action it deems necessary to relieve tension along the Tunisian-Algerian border.

This can best be achieved by stationing a United Nations team of observers along the border to prevent a repetition of incidents.

Such a plan has already been under discussion in Washington and it should find favour in London.

GAILLARD SURVIVES VOTE

Large Majority For Govt

Paris, Feb. 11. The French National Assembly tonight passed a short resolution of confidence in the government after the Premier, M. Felix Gaillard had spoken on the French bombing of the Tunisian village of Sakiet on Saturday when 75 people were killed.

The resolution stated that after hearing the statements of the Prime Minister the National Assembly expressed its confidence in the Government.

The final vote on the substantive motion of confidence was 339 in favour 179 against.

Misgivings

The Government won by a substantial majority despite fairly widespread misgivings about the bombing of the village which provoked the vote. Only the Communists and the Mendesist radicals voted against the Government.

The Communists and a certain number of Conservatives abstained. The other groups from Moderate Conservatives to Socialists voted substantially for M. Gaillard.

Former Gaillard told the Assembly that the majority of the victims in Saturday's bombing raid on Sakiet-Sidi-Youssef "belonged to units of the Algerian rebels."

Infiltration

Defending French action in bombing the Tunisian border town, M. Gaillard told the Assembly that Sakiet was an Algerian rebel headquarters and "an active centre of war and infiltration."

He said the bombing "unhappily made some civilian victims. But all information indicates that the majority of the victims belonged to units of the Fellaghas (rebels)."

Seventy-five persons were killed in the bombing raid. Another 102 persons were injured. Eye-witnesses said the dead included some women and children.

Explanation

M. Gaillard's short speech was entirely devoted to an explanation of the background leading up to Saturday's incident, which has shattered Franco-Tunisian relations and badly harmed France's international position.

Nowhere did he give any detailed explanation of the bombing itself.

In the long, bitter and sometimes near-violent debate this afternoon, Leftists repeatedly asked the Government to explain the bombing: civilian officials, or the military alone.

M. Gaillard offered no explanation. —Reuters and United Press.

Closure Of Port Bizerta Surprises Paris

Cyprus Talks Continue In Athens

Athens, Feb. 11. The second session of the British Cyprus talks ended here tonight without any statement being issued.

The talks between British Foreign Secretary, Selwyn Lloyd, Cyprus Governor, Sir Hugh Foot, Greek Premier Constantine Garamanlis and Greek Foreign Minister Evangelos Averoff, will be continued tomorrow morning.

Questioned by journalists, Sir Hugh said he had not yet envisaged meeting Archbishop Makarios, exiled leader of the Greek Cypriots, who is at present in Greece. —France-Press.

TUNISIA TO GO TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL

United Nations, Feb. 11. Tunisia tonight instructed its Ambassador to the United Nations to demand Security Council action against France for the bombing of the frontier village of Sakiet-Sidi-Youssef.

The Tunisian delegation confirmed that Ambassador Slim had received definite instructions to proceed to put the case before the Council. Delegation sources said it had not been decided whether the request for a meeting would be submitted immediately, however.

Slim, who is also Tunisia's Ambassador to the United States, came from Washington today after thoroughly discussing the case with Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles. Dulles said in Washington that he could express neither approval nor disapproval of Tunisia's decision to take the case to the Council.

Slim spent today sounding out individual members of the Council on the best procedure to be followed before the 11-nation group.

The move and deeper Tunisian diplomat was known to have talked today with Soviet Ambassador Arkady A. Sobolev, Council President for February, and with the representatives of Canada, Japan and Sweden. He was expected to seek out all 11 Council members before presenting his request for a meeting.

The powerful 25-nation African group, of which Tunisia is a member, was summoned to meet on Friday to discuss the matter.

It appeared certain that the Arab world, backing Tunisia and supporting in its support of Algerian nationalism, would vote for Tunisia's demand for a meeting of the Council to discuss the case.

France, for sending its bombers on a raid that killed at least 75 natives and wounded more than 100. — United Press.

A Hare That Wasn't A Hare

Canberra, Feb. 11. The British Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, said today that the British Labour opposition, in initiating the recent Bank Rate Tribunal, had "started a hare which was not a hare and which had run in the wrong direction."

Asked at a press conference whether he was satisfied with the Tribunal's finding that there had been no leakage of information preceding the recent raising of the British Bank Rate, he said, "Of course, I am satisfied. But, of course, I don't expect the Socialist Government to be satisfied."

PEKING'S 1958 BUDGET

Tokyo, Feb. 11. China's National People's Congress today adopted a 1958 State budget of 33,198,000,000 Yuan (US\$13,933,160,000) that balanced total revenue, according to the New China News Agency.

The action was taken at the closing session of the Congress in Peking.

Budgetary revenues were revised upward to include 135,000,000 Yuan (US\$55,700,000) from taxes and metallurgical and textile industries. Expenditures were increased by the same amount, of which 40,000,000 Yuan was earmarked for aid to foreign countries.

Liu Lan-tao, Budget Committee Chairman, said the State budget reflected rapid expansion of production, development of capital construction and energetic support for agriculture. It opposed conservation and waste, he said. —United Press.

Holiday

Washington, Feb. 11. President Eisenhower plans to fly to Thomasville, Georgia, on Thursday for a holiday of about 10 days. The White House announced tonight. —Reuters.

American Accused Of Spying For Vodka, Money & Sex

Washington, Feb. 11. Army M/Sgt Roy A. Rhodes went on trial today on charges of conspiring with Russian spies to peddle American secrets for vodka, money and sex.

His defence attorneys immediately asked the court martial to throw out the main charge. They argued that the two-year statute of limitations since the alleged acts had expired. —Canada Press.

The court's law officer, Lieut.-Col. James P. Hickey, rejected the statute of limitations argument. But he called a recess to consider the jurisdiction challenge.

Life Sentence

The defence said the Sergeant can't be court-martialed for acts committed during a previous Army enlistment. He was technically discharged on November 17, 1955, and re-enlisted the next day.

He is accused of working with Soviet spies in Moscow in 1951 and 1952 and of "failing to disclose" this association when he filed an official statement on May 8, 1956.

The espionage conspiracy charge carries a possible life sentence, the falsification charge one year's imprisonment and dishonourable discharge.

Motor Pool

Rhodes, a 40-year-old resident of Easton, N.J., and a native of Oklahoma, was in charge of the Moscow Embassy motor pool.

He has admitted some of the details of the Government's espionage case against him.

Rhodes, a tall, hollow-faced man with iron-grey hair, sat at the small defence table surrounded by four attorneys. He was wearing on his uniform a Bronze Star for service in combat, a European Battle Ribbon with three Battle Stars, and a Good Conduct Medal. —United Press.

HE WORE A HK SHIRT TO LUNCH



Mr. F. J. Erroll

London, Feb. 11. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, Mr. Frederick J. Erroll, sat down to luncheon today with Britain's top textile wholesalers — wearing a shirt made in Hongkong.

It was made to measure and cost 31 shillings. He bought it during his recent visit to the Colony.

But hardly one of the wholesalers who attended the luncheon of Wholesale Textile Association knew about the shirt.

Said the Association's Chairman, Mr. Stephen Mylchreest: "He didn't say anything either privately to me or in his speech."

Then he added: "Of course, in many ways Hongkong competition is not liked in this country. There are suspicions about where the cloth comes from."

Mr. Erroll said this about his shirt: "It has collar attached and double cuffs and my friends in the trade tell me it is of first class quality poplin. I bought half a dozen of them."

But he made no mention of textile imports — or the shirt — in his speech. Instead he spoke of the continued drop in textile raw material prices and urged wholesalers to take advantage of the opportunity offered by lower prices. —Express Service.

GIANT BOMBER CRASHES

Rapid City, Dak., Feb. 11. A giant B-52 bomber crashed at Ellsworth Air Force base today, killing five persons. Two of the splintering crew members. The others were occupants of an instrument

Rebel Commanders In Sumatra Sacked By Djakarta Govt

Djakarta, Feb. 11. Indonesia's Central Government today sacked "dishonourably" from the Army the rebellious commander of restless Central Sumatra and three other rebel leaders.

The government ordered all battalions serving under the sacked commander, Lieut.-Colonel Achmad Hussein, in the turbulent region to be put under the direct command of General Sumbolon, the Army Chief-of-Staff pending the appointment of a new regional commander.

At the same time General Sumbolon ordered that Army troops were to be placed on the alert throughout the 3,000-mile wide Indonesian archipelago.

Dishonourably

The dismissal of Hussein and the other rebel leaders—Colonel Zukhrifi Lohbi, Colonel Dachlan Djambeng and Colonel Mahaddin Simbolon — was announced in a Cabinet communiqué.

It said they had been dishonourably discharged from the Army because they took action which "endangered discipline among the armed forces" and "endangered the security and safety of the state."

The Indonesian Cabinet, at a special meeting tonight, rejected an ultimatum from Central Sumatra calling on it to resign within five days.

A resolution adopted by a mass rally in Padang, Central Sumatra, had called on President Soekarno and the Prime Minister, Dr. Djundana, to hand over the government to Dr. Mohammed Hatta, a former Vice-President, and the Sultan of Jogjakarta.

Violated

This meeting was addressed by Colonel Hussein.

General Nasution, in a statement issued by Army Headquarters, said the officers who took part in the Central Sumatra ultimatum "had violated the Army oath and Army discipline."

Mr. Sumanjo, the Minister of Information and Cabinet spokesman, refused to comment when reporters asked him what action the Central Government would take if rebel military leaders in Central Sumatra ignored the "dishonourable discharge."

The rebel Padang radio continued broadcasting anti-Government statements tonight as the Cabinet met in Djakarta.

Repudiated

Both Central and South Sumatra, richest of the Indonesian islands, have repudiated the authority of the Central Government.

They have been more or less autonomous for the last year after a series of coups and are run by military-led revolutionary "councils."

Dr. Djundana said today that his Government would exercise the "utmost patience and care" in dealing with the breakaway factions in Sumatra, the Indonesian PIA Agency reported. —Reuters.

Further Cuts

London, Feb. 11. British petroleum companies today announced further cuts in the price of their products.

The cuts, which will come into effect from midnight tonight, follow yesterday's announcement that two oil companies were bringing down the price of petrol and diesel fuel to the pre-Suez level.

Today four leading companies decided to lower the price of paraffin, gas oil and diesel fuel by up to halfpenny a gallon. —Reuters.

DULLES VIEWS PEKING CHANGE WITHOUT ANY OPTIMISM

Washington, Feb. 11. Mr. John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, said today that he was not optimistic that there would be any change in China's foreign policy as a result of the replacement of Mr. Chou En-lai as Foreign Minister.

Asked about this development at his press conference today, Mr. Dulles said he did not detect any change in the Peking government's foreign policy, although he noted that the change had only occurred yesterday.

He said that the United States had not yet officially received the proposal made by China through the British Embassy in Peking for withdrawal of foreign troops from North and South Korea.

Withdrawal

He said that there had been a very large withdrawal of United Nations forces from North Korea since the armistice but the Chinese had not made any corresponding withdrawal as yet from North Korea.

He added that the United States did not plan any further material reduction of United Nations forces in South Korea, which were mostly American troops.

He said that they did believe there could be some further reduction perhaps of Republic of Korea forces. He remarked that these were perhaps excessive in relation to the economy of the country and especially to the needs of the country if, as was now the case, more modern equipment was used.

He noted that the old provision of the Korean Armistice Agreement no longer inhibited the United Nations forces from using modern equipment because of its prior violation on the Communist side. —Reuters.

Busby Still In An Oxygen Tent

Munich, Feb. 11. Matt Busby, Manchester United Football Club manager, injured in last Thursday's air crash here, has not yet been told that some of his team mates were killed.

He certainly has inquired about them, but he lobbied him off. Dr. Frank Preston, British European Airways medical officer, said today.

Dr. Preston added: "It would tell him the straight facts he might have a release. But I have no doubt that he knows what has happened to himself."

IMPROVEMENT

The doctor also reported slight improvement in the condition of both Captain Kenneth Raymont, the chartered plane's co-pilot, and wingman Johnny Berry.

Dr. Preston said Captain Raymont and Berry were the only two victims of the crash still on the danger list.

Dr. Preston said that Mr. Busby this morning was "very comfortable" and there was a considerable general improvement.

He was still in his oxygen tent because his right lung, which had collapsed, was not yet fully expanded again. —China Mail Special.

Chou Going Up?

Tokyo, Feb. 12. The resignation of Premier Chou En-lai from his current post of Foreign Minister probably signals his move upward toward the powerful policy-making inner circle of Communist Chinese leaders.

According to Japanese and American students of China who have analysed the resignation, it indicates no decrease in Chou's stature in the Red Regime.

In fact, his influence will most likely be increased.

As a Foreign Minister he was merely a Government official. He was not thought to be a member of the Party and Government policy-making nucleus composed of Mao Tse-tung, Liu Shao-chi, Chu Teh and Teng Hsiao-ting.

The Foreign Minister's post kept Chou busy and he did not have time to indulge extensively in party politics or to capitalise fully on his position as Premier. — United Press.

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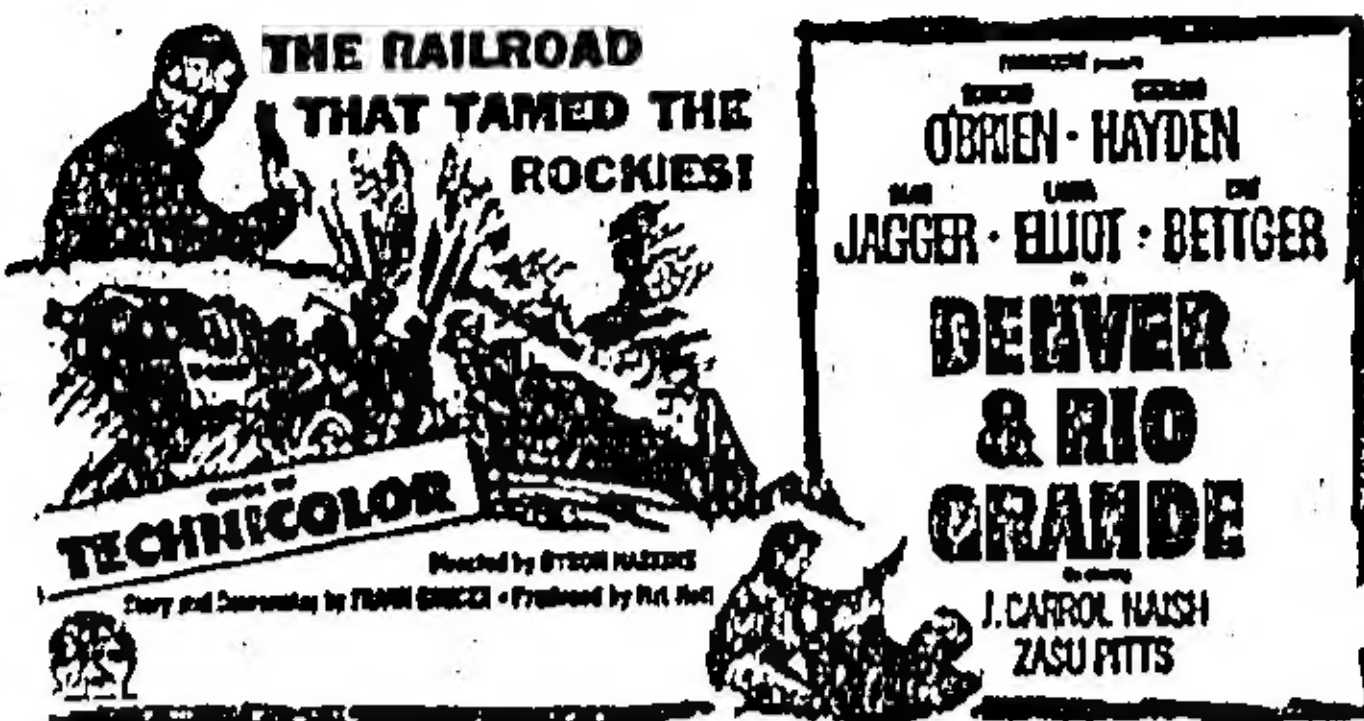


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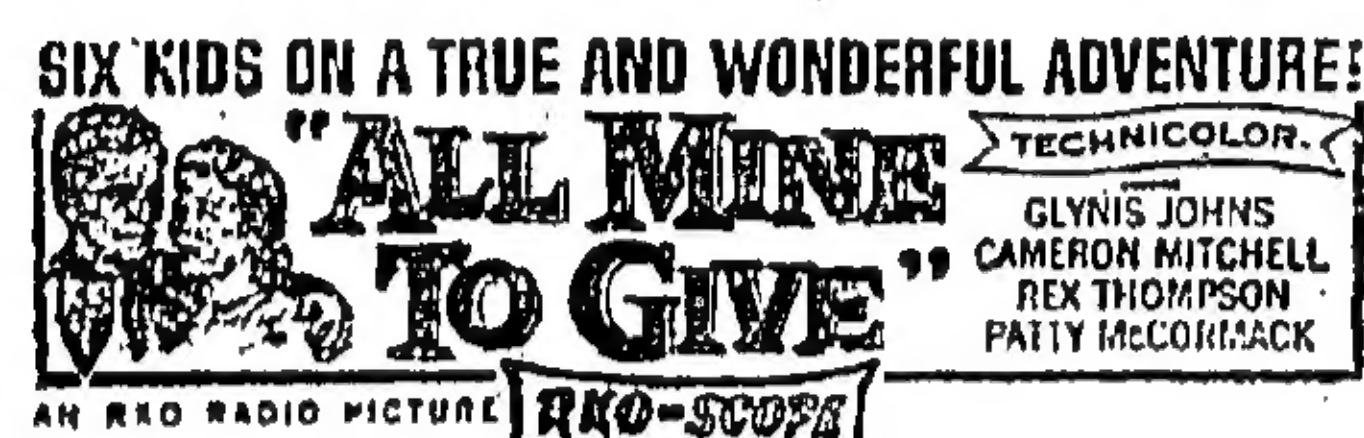
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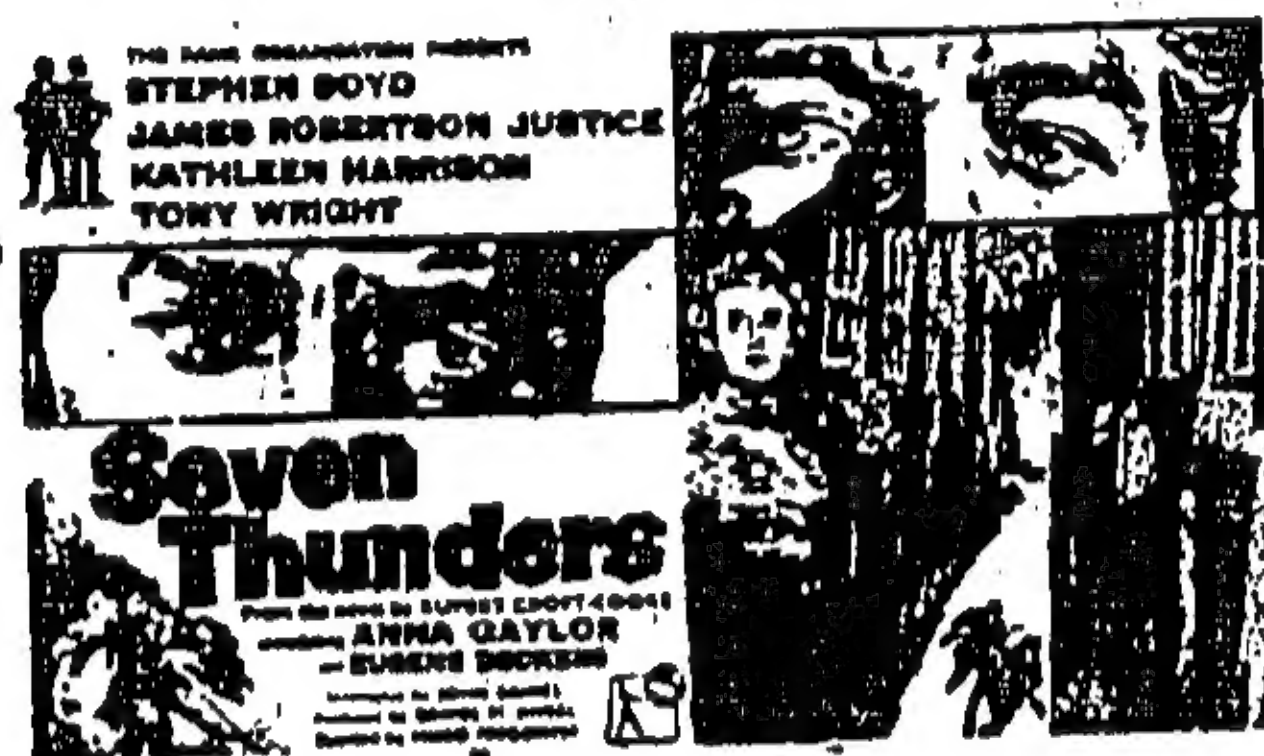


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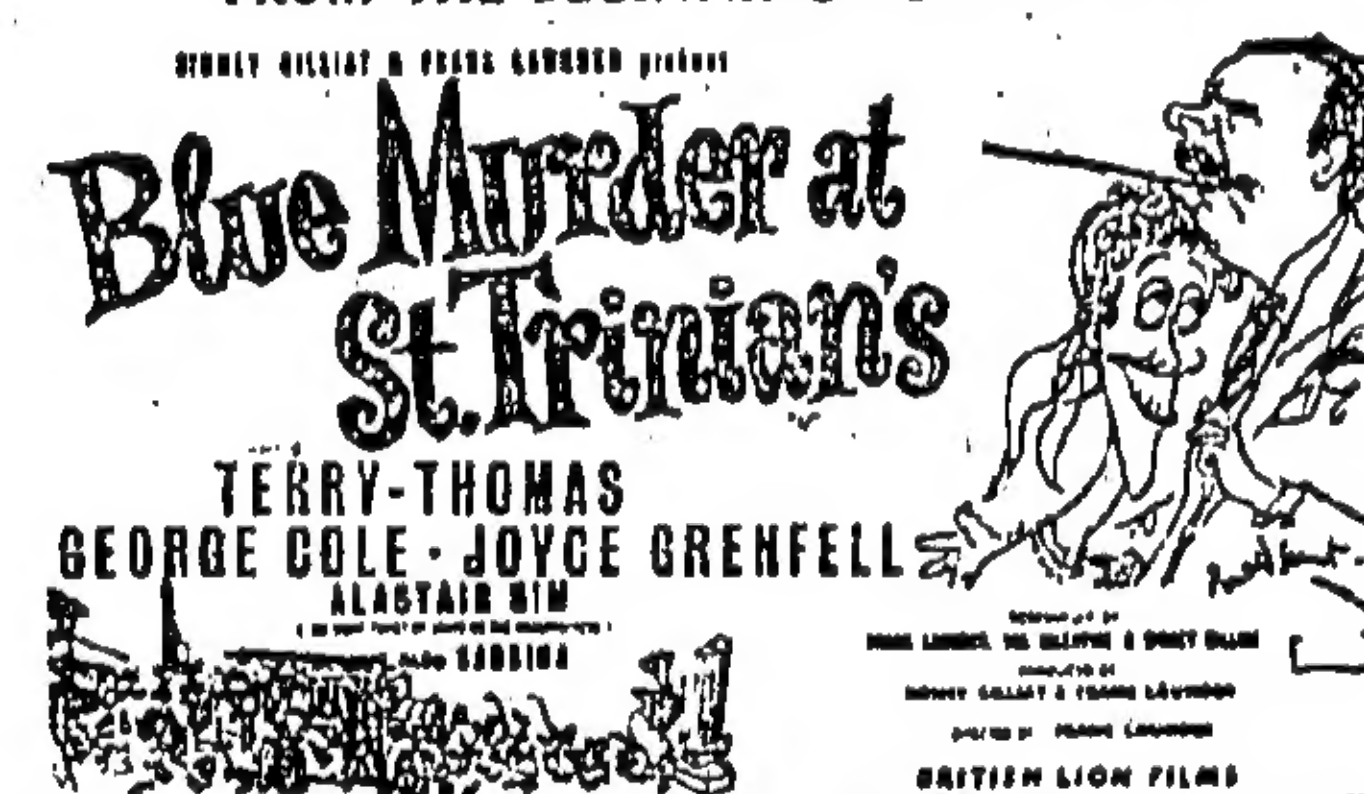
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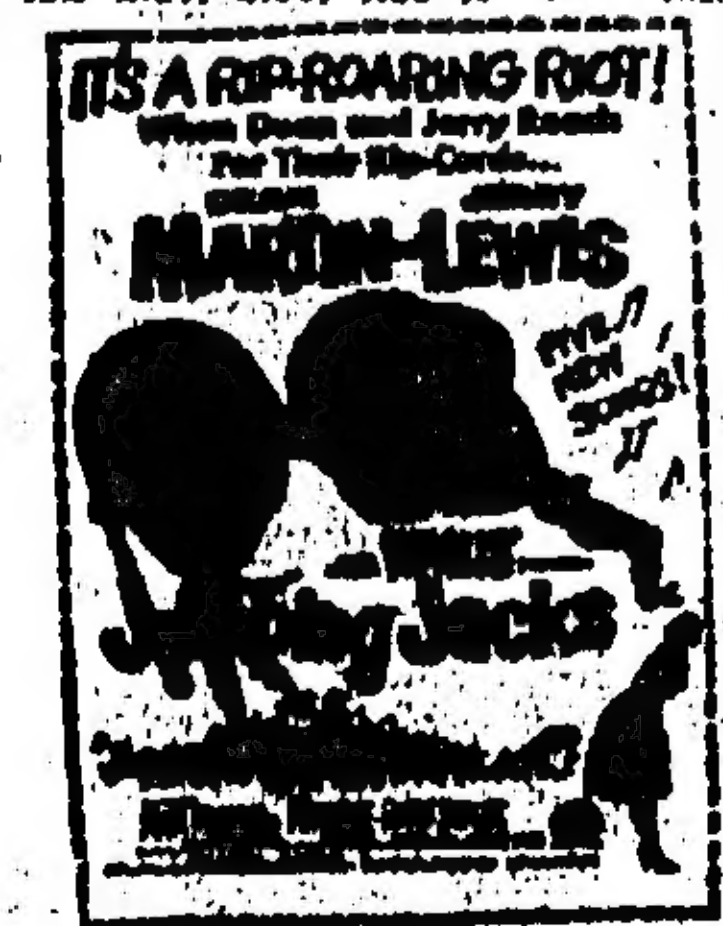
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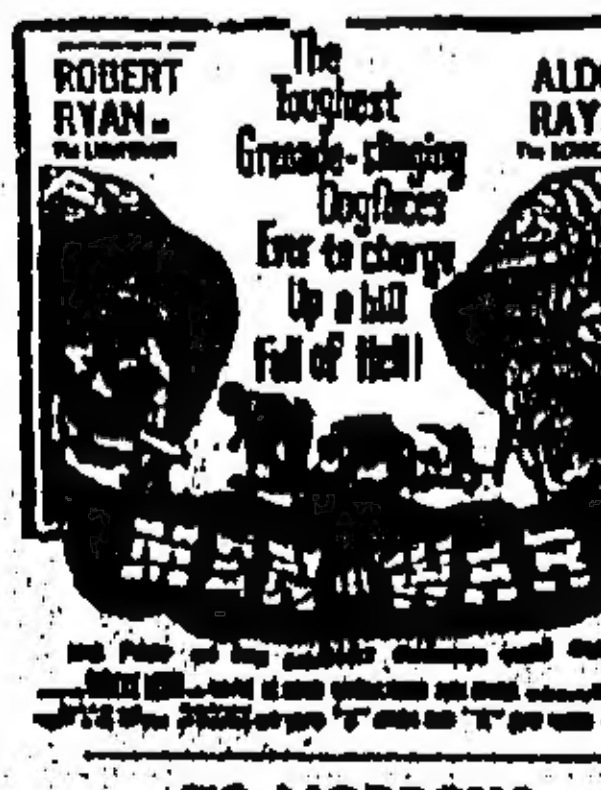
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SECRET PLAN PREPARED FOR SUMMIT TALKS?

London, Feb. 11.

America's European allies today envisaged an early start of behind-the-scenes diplomatic preparations for an East-West summit conference.

The European reaction followed the statement by U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that a Foreign Ministers' meeting was no longer essential for a top-level meeting.

The United States' switch brought the American position in line with Britain's and of European nations who had been pressing for talks with the Soviet.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan notified Moscow on Sunday of his willingness to attend a summit conference after thorough advance preparation, without insisting on Foreign Ministers' advance talks.

The United States' decision was considered by European allies to have cleared one of the major roadblocks to a summit conference. It was held to have deprived the Soviet of an important propaganda argument.

SOVIETS

The Soviets have made it clear they will not agree to Foreign Ministers' talks but Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin acknowledged to President Eisenhower last week his willingness to prepare the meeting through the diplomatic channels. However, the removal of the procedural obstacle still left a host of problems unresolved. All Western Allies are agreed that the summit must be carefully prepared in advance, no matter what the method of approach.—United Press.

Atoms For Peace

London, Feb. 11. A Labour Member of Parliament, Mr Henry Corno, suggested today that machinery should be set up to enforce the recent Anglo-Italian ban on the use of special nuclear materials for other than peaceful purposes. He urged the British government in the House of Commons to negotiate an agreement with Italy to do this.—Reuter.

Adventurous Disc Jockey Lost At Sea?

Washington, N. Carolina, Feb. 11.

A Naval Reserve Commander disclosed today that a destroyer-escort salvaged an outboard motor from a floundering skiff 150 miles south-southeast of Morehead City last Wednesday.

There were no signs of life on the upended craft. The skiff apparently drifted from the general area of the Morehead City - to - Bermuda route embarked upon by disc jockey Melvin West, two weeks ago tomorrow, in a 16½ foot outboard motor boat.

NO SIGN

West, attempting for the second time to make the 580-mile trip to Bermuda, has not been seen since his departure. Lt. Cmdr. Richard Tripp of Washington said the U.S.S. Loster came upon the drifting skiff last Wednesday on a training cruise.

Billy Vine Dies

New York, Feb. 11. Billy Vine, 43, a night club, stage and screen comedian, and son of a noted vaudeville team, died of a heart attack at his home here yesterday. Vine had been scheduled to open an engagement at the old Roumanian Restaurant this week.—United Press.

Pact Chief

Bagdad, Feb. 11. Lieutenant-General Ekrem Alcala of the Turkish Army today took over as Chief-of-staff of the combined military planning committee of the Baghdad Pact headquarters here.—United Press.

14-Hour Day Test On Mock Space Trip

San Antonio, Feb. 11. SCIENTISTS disclosed today that 23-year-old airman Donald Farrell, who is on a make-believe trip to the moon in a tiny sealed cabin is living 14-hour day, instead of the normal 24-hour day. Farrell entered the cabin built to resemble the living quarter of a space ship—on Sunday. He plans to remain inside for seven days while scientists study his reactions to the physical restrictions, loneliness and boredom which will face man on a trip to the moon. The 14-hour cycle, the scientists said, was composed of a regular sleep period of four and one-half hours with 4-hour work periods interspersed with half-hour relaxation breaks. It was the first time scientists have said that the tests were being made on a 14-hour day. Previously it had been thought that an 18-hour day and night cycle was the shortest possible.—China Mail Special.

Conduct Of British Press At Air Disaster Flayed

London, Feb. 11.

Behaviour of part of the British press in a Munich hospital after last Thursday's air disaster raised a protest in the House of Commons and in a letter to the Times today.

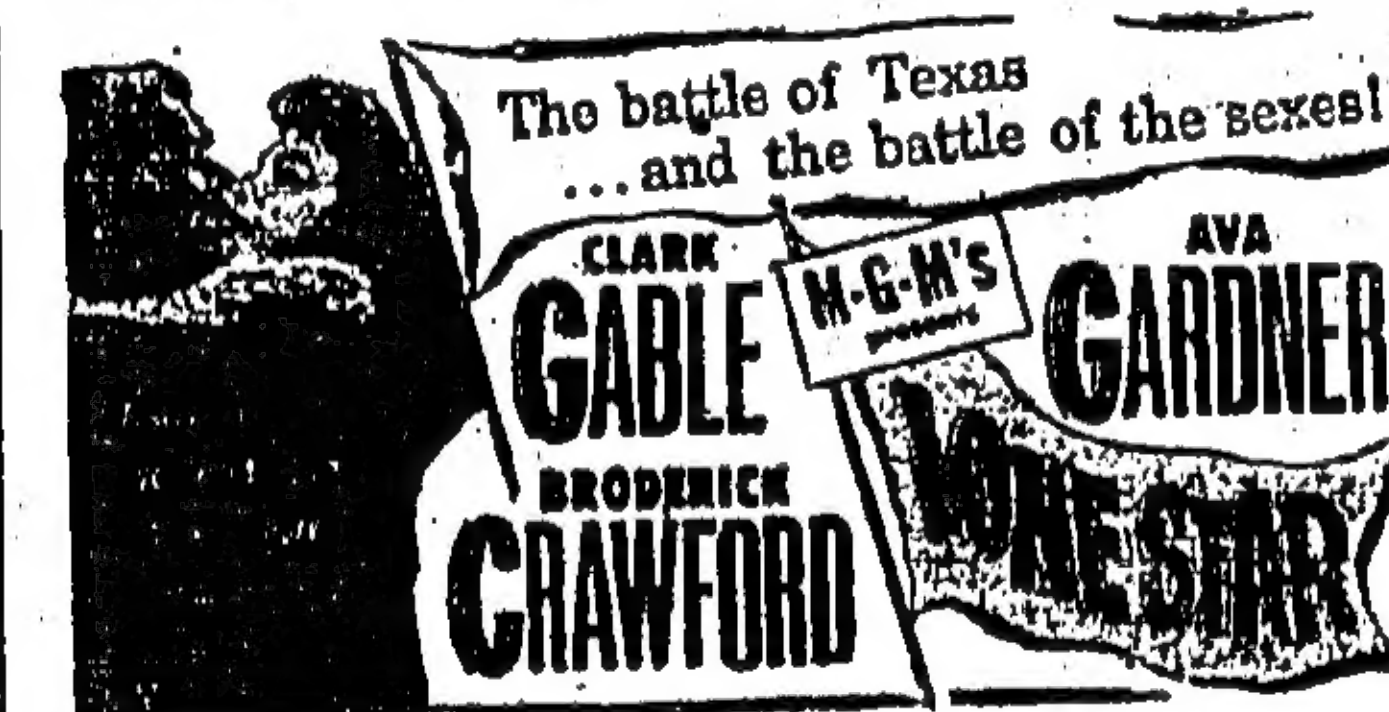
Four Conservative members of Parliament were backing a Commons motion "that this House deplores the conduct of a section of the British press in violating the privacy of the victims of the Munich air disaster, thereby hindering the hospital doctors and in exploiting sensation by publishing photographs of the injured and their relatives."

Mr Anthony H. Milward, chief executive of British European Airways in a letter to the Times described the actions of British cameramen, after the plane carrying the Manchester United football team crashed, as part of "this scandal of our times." He contrasted the devotion of the German doctors "with the

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Ex-King Farouk Celebrates 39th Birthday AN ATTEMPT TO AVOID PRESS

Vaduz, Feb. 11.

Egypt's former playboy King Farouk celebrated his 39th birthday anniversary today by giving a small party and going for a drive in a borrowed car.

The party was attended by his daughter, Ferial; an unidentified dark-haired girl friend, two bodyguards, a maid and a chauffeur.

Farouk arrived last night in a 22-seat bus in an effort to remain incognito.

He said he had come to Lichtenstein so he could celebrate "without being bothered by the press."

He rented the best hotel in the tiny principality. It has 12 bedrooms. Farouk denied that he intended to enter business here. He planned to visit the Prince of Lichtenstein later this week.—United Press.

GROTTO AT LOURDES ON FIRE

Lourdes, Feb. 11.

Flames six feet high shot up in the sacred grotto of Saint Bernadette today when candles set fire to a thick coating of grease on the grotto floor.

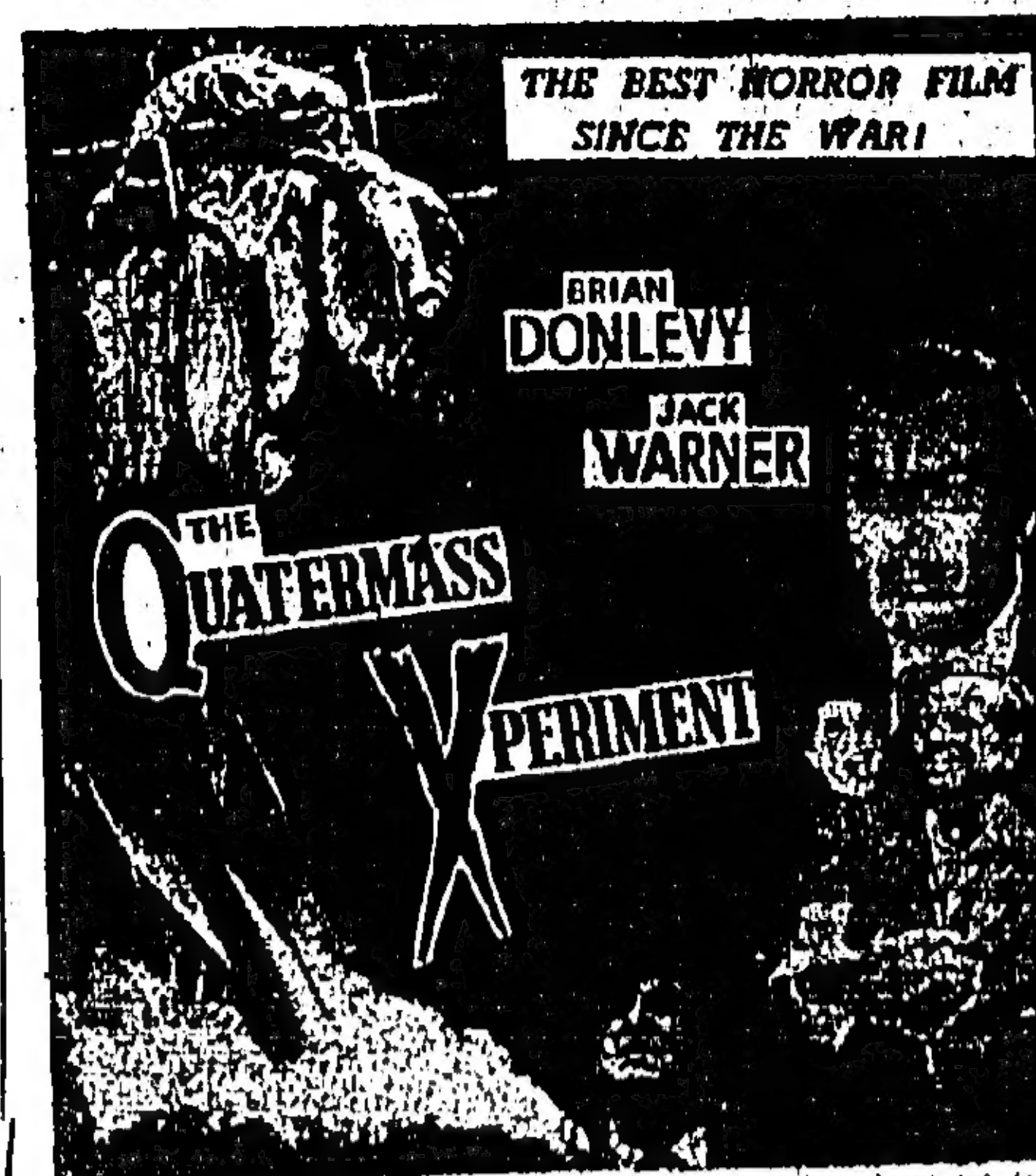
The fire began during a mass in the grotto to celebrate the centenary of Saint Bernadette's vision of the Virgin Mary and quickly enveloped a pile of candles.

The grotto was cordoned off and workmen scraped the grease from the floor with shovels. The blaze lasted about 15 minutes.

More than 50,000 pilgrims from many parts of the world are taking part in day-long services here today marking the start of the centenary celebrations.—China Mail Special.

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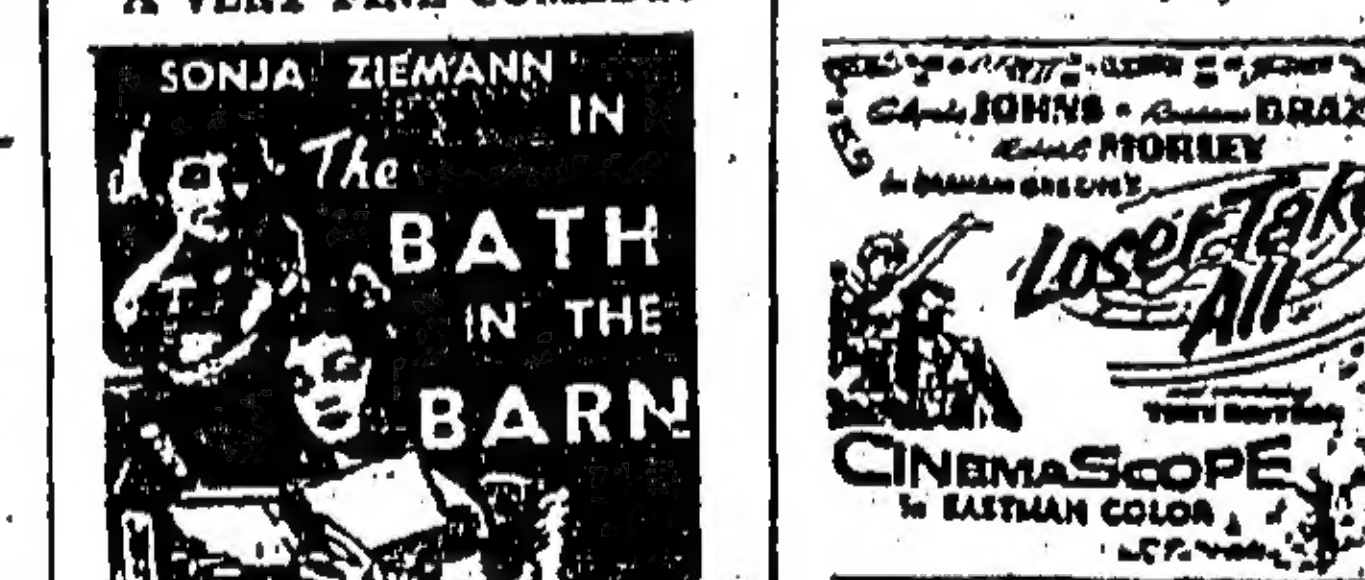


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CABLE BRIEFS

Atlanta, Feb. 11. Joseph Crampton Waters obediently handed to three hold-up men his watch, a ring, US\$15 in cash and a small cheque they demanded he make out for "cash."

He rebelled when the thieves suggested he also cash the cheque.

He yelled.

The robbers fled.—United Press.

Chicago, Feb. 11. Mrs. William Stokes was granted the divorce, but Stokes, 60, was given what he wanted, too.

He may visit the family dog twice a week, the court decrees.—United Press.

New York, Feb. 11. A 55-year-old man walked gaily up Third Avenue for 11 blocks in 19-degree cold yesterday, clad only in a right shoe and a left sock and singing "Mister Tambourine Man" at the top of his voice.

At Bellevue Hospital he said he was Edward Sullivan of Hudson, New York, and had been drinking around town since Sunday. He couldn't remember what happened to the rest of his clothes.—United Press.

London, Feb. 11. Daniel Pollard, 19, was sentenced to six weeks in jail for stealing a bubble gum machine. Police said he told them he took it because "I was hungry."—United Press.

Ipswich, Feb. 11. F. R. Hadden, a barber, advertised today that he'll cut what's left on a bald man's head for seven cents off the usual price. Hadden defined a bald man, too—one whose head is at least 50 per cent scalp.—United Press.

Moline, Feb. 11. Police Chief Mauritz Nelson said a parking violator sent back a ticket with an irate letter signed "Anonymous."

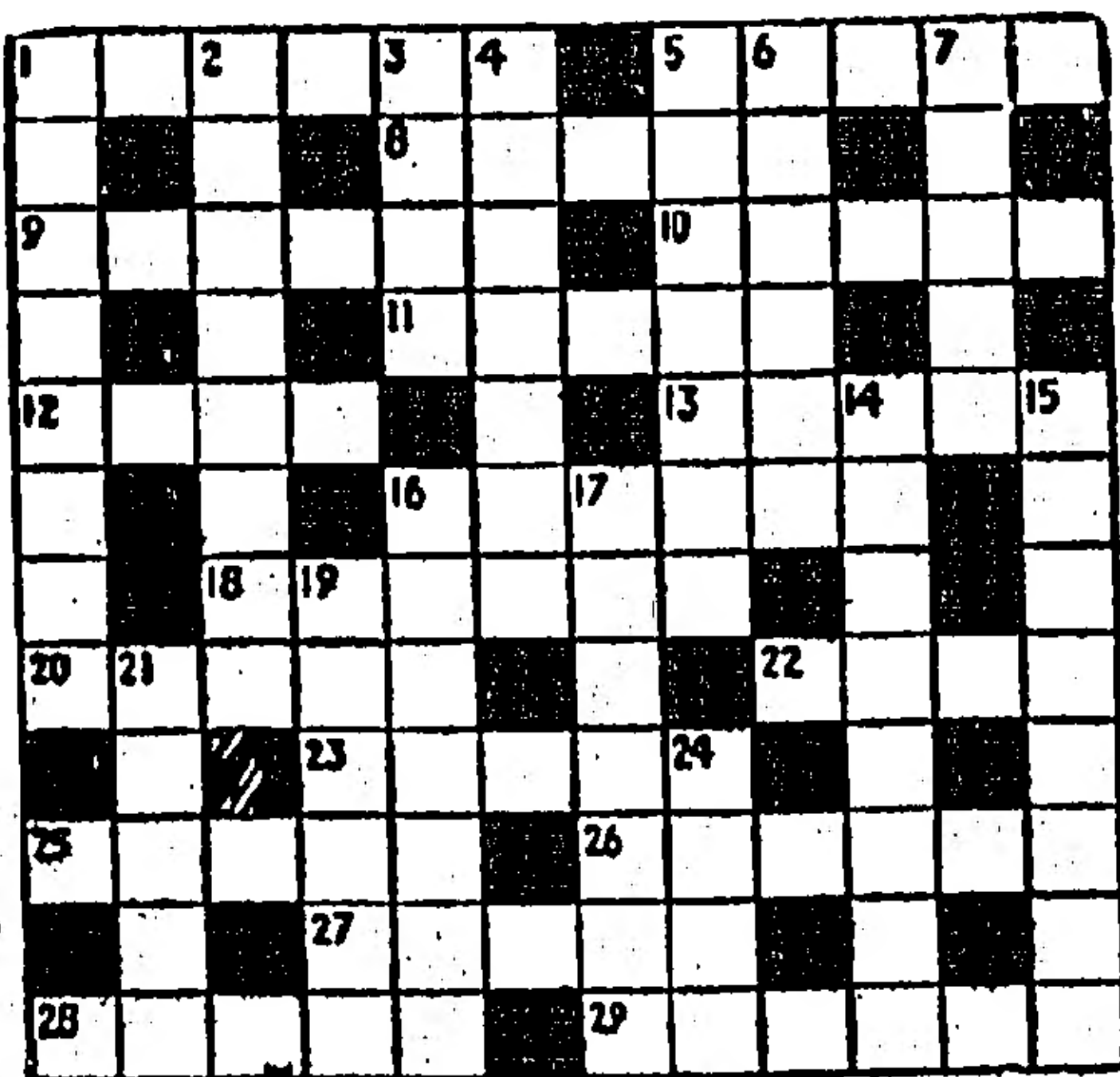
There's nothing anonymous, however, in the licence number on the ticket.—United Press.

REBELS KILLED

Algiers, Feb. 11. Moslems who yesterday crossed the frontier into Algeria from Tunisia reported today that some hundred Algerian rebels were killed in the French bombing raid on the Tunisian village of Sakiet Sidi Youssef last Saturday. The report said that some 20 rebels were wounded.

According to the reports, the local authorities in Sakiet had had the bodies of the dead rebels secretly buried so that observers sent to the village to investigate could not know that there were rebels at the Sakiet mine.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Prairie grass (6).
 - 5 Handy sort of craft? (5).
 - 8 Stage show sounding like a military one (5).
 - 9 The Nazis' favourite typo? (6).
 - 10 Be nosy (5).
 - 11 Three-letter letter (5).
 - 12 Exclamation (4).
 - 13 The start of the Odelet (6).
 - 14 He takes over duty (6).
 - 15 That girl over there? (6).
 - 20 Go on a buyback spree? (5).
 - 22 Not worth much if red (4).
 - 23 Of samurai, perhaps (5).
 - 25 Ruin the plunder (5).
 - 26 Comparatively crazy colour— (6).
 - 27—and this is comparatively fresh (5).
 - 28 Unlucky marks (5).
 - 29 Squeaked (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 The sweetheart gland (8).
 - 2 When to wed at sea? (6).
 - 3 Unproductive (4).
 - 4 Backed out (7).
 - 5 Manage to support (7).
 - 6 The threat of the claps who have the top card (6).
 - 7 Vocal group (5).
 - 12 The guilty one (6).
 - 13 Nourished (8).
 - 14 They want answering (7).
 - 15 Pods of peas, etc (7).
 - 19 Consecrate (4).
 - 21 Student of the eye? (5).
 - 24 Such a thing doesn't often happen (4).

TUESDAY'S SOLUTION:—Across: 3 Cash, 7 D-cell, 8 A-rum, 9 Tell, 10 Workman, 12 Flat, 15 Lants, 16 Jerr, 19 Liza, 21 Pause, 22 Can't, 23 Smoke, 25 Rita, 26 Avarage, 30 Mane, 31 Lake, 32 Mice, 33 Noel, Down: 1 Lamon, 2 Winkles, 4 Arent, 5 Half, 6 Pu-ma(rev), 9 Task, 11 Mares, 13 Lost, 14 Tush, 16 Snake, 17 Spur, 18 Just, 20 Inertia, 22 Cove, 24 Mahse, 25 Ogres, 27 IV-an, 28 Amen.

DID FRANCE USE US EQUIPMENT IN ATTACK?

Dulles Deplores Bomb Raid

Tunisian Village Incident Aftermath

Washington, Feb. 11. Mr John Foster Dulles, the American Secretary of State, told his press conference today that the United States deplored the French bombing of the Tunisian village of Sakiet.

Referring to the Sakiet bombing, Mr Dulles said the United States would hope to minimise the impact of any incident.

Mr Dulles said the United States deplored any incidents which tended to reverse the trend towards close and friendly relations between Western Europe and North Africa.

He said that the trend towards co-operation was in the interests of all concerned.

Mr Dulles declined to forecast what the United States position would be if the Tunisian government took up the question of the bombing with the United Nations Security Council.

Mr Dulles said the United States was certainly interested in determining whether any United States arms intended for Nato had been used in the bombing raid. But he pointed to the difficulties in identifying United States equipment, some of which had been given to France during the Indo-China war.

"Hot Pursuit"

Mr Dulles said that the French bombing incident did not qualify as a case of "hot pursuit." He said that hot pursuit was a situation where there had been an attack over domestic territory and the attacker was followed with continuity back to his base which might be in another territory.

The element of that continuity was essential to any concept of hot pursuit, he said.

Asked if he believed the French to have been guilty of aggression, Mr Dulles said the United States had not yet defined the incident because it had not received any independent report.

No Report

He added that the United States Ambassador to Tunisia, Mr Lewis Jones, went to the area yesterday but his report had not yet been received.

Mr Dulles was asked if he thought the incident had tended to internationalise the Algerian problem.

He said the incident tended to show it was difficult to isolate the problem of Algeria from the problem of Tunisia.

He was also asked if the United States considered it an international problem to be taken up, perhaps with Nato.

He replied he did not think the United States would be excluded from taking any course of action that might improve the situation.—Reuter.

Counter Merger

Amman, Feb. 11. King Faisal of Iraq arrived here today for talks with King Hussein on methods of counter-merging the Egyptian-Syrian merger.

But Iraqi membership in the Baghdad Pact stood in the way of counter-federation.

Iraq will maintain its membership in the Baghdad Pact despite the appeals of Jordan to leave it to pave the way for such a federation of Middle East monarchies. It was reliably learned here tonight.—United Press.

Three-Time Widow Denies Killing Husbands

Jarrow, Feb. 11. The rosy-cheeked widow of Windy Nook, Mrs Mary Elizabeth Wilson, was today committed for trial charged with murdering two husbands with rat or insect-poison.

In a voice little above a whisper the 58-year-old three-times-widowed lady pleaded not guilty and reserved her defence.

She was remanded to custody. Medical experts told the hearing that phosphorous and wheat bran—found in rat, beetle and cockroach poisons—were discovered in the exhumed bodies of Ernest Wilson, 76, and Oliver James Leonard, 75.

Both men died about two weeks after they married the little

British War Bride On Murder Charge

Louisville, Feb. 11. One criminal court jury panel was totally depleted today before a jury of 11 men and one woman was selected for the trial of former British war bride Mrs John Dexter Gatchel, 33, a native of London.

Mrs Gatchel is charged with the fatal shooting of her former mother-in-law, Mrs Marjorie Gatchel, 40, last December 23. In a statement to police after her arrest, the younger woman said her former mother-in-law "slept my baby and helped break up my marriage."—United Press.

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HOAX IN ROBES?



Syria Protests Against Israeli Move

Troops Penetrate No-Man's Land

United Nations, Feb. 11. Syria told the United Nations today that Israeli troops with air and armoured support had penetrated a demilitarised zone on the Syria-Israel border on Monday.

Dr Jawdat Mufid, Syrian Charge-d'Affaires in the UN, said in a letter to the Security Council that 50 Israeli soldiers and two armoured vehicles had invaded the northern demilitarised zone near the Israeli colony of Dan at 6 a.m. local time.

The complaint said that Israeli military planes provided a cover.

The Syrian complaint recalled that the Security Council had been informed of similar incursions on January 30 and February 4.

"The continuation of these aggressions and demonstrations render the situation extremely tense," the letter said. "The responsibility for any deterioration of this situation rests necessarily with the Israeli authorities."—United Press.

Ike's Thanks

Washington, Feb. 11. President Eisenhower has written to King Hussein of Jordan thanking him for his message of condolence over the death of the President's brother, Arthur Eisenhower, informed sources said today.—United Press.

This is "The Third Eye," accepted by thousands as a Tibetan Lama living in Dublin, recently. Some British papers said he was a hoaxer. He's the son of a Devon plumber and was christened Cyril Henry Hoskins. He and his wife live in a cliff-top villa as Dr and Mrs Kuan. He is the author of a best-selling book based on his "clairvoyant and celestial powers."—Keystone.

Filipina Will Start New Life

Franklin, Feb. 11. Mrs Lydia Dean, attractive Filipina mother acquitted of slaying her Air Force husband, said today she planned to start life anew "by supporting myself as a secretary."

"I plan to enrol at the Welch Business College in Oil City for a secretarial course," she said. "I'll start classes at the beginning of March."

Mrs Dean spent nearly two months in Venango County jail awaiting trial. During her imprisonment, she took typing and shorthand lessons from Mrs Zora Karlen, who visited her twice a week.

Mrs Dean's mother, Mrs Eugenia Clubal de Dean, from Baguio City, The Philippines, stayed at the Karlen home here for two weeks before leaving for The Philippines yesterday.

Mrs de Dean tried to persuade her daughter to accompany her to Baguio but failed.—United Press.

Gentlemen's Agreement Between Fence And Detective

London, Feb. 11. A detective-inspector in Brighton south coast holiday resort was alleged today to have given "the freedom of the town" to a receiver of stolen goods.

Ernest Walte, a Brighton shopkeeper, said this resulted from "a gentlemen's agreement" he reached with 40-year-old detective-inspector John Hammerley, who allowed him to receive stolen property from outside the resort.

Walte, who described the policeman as "my protector," said that he promised to tell Hammerley if he knew of any thefts in the holiday town.

He said he was assured that if he was suspected of receiving stolen goods from outside Brighton he would get "the tip off" to get rid of them.

"TIP OFF"

He maintained he paid Hammerley sums of money totalling about £200 and gave him Christmas fare for "various good turns." The detective had never asked directly for cash.

Hammerley is one of five men, including the resort's suspended police chief, Charles Ridge, 56, who are charged with conspiring to obstruct the course of justice. They have all pleaded not guilty.

Other accused are: detective-sergeant Trevor Heath, 35; Anthony Lyons, 50; a bar owner; and Samuel Bellson, 42, a bookmaker.

The seven-day-old trial is expected to last about a month. Walte told the jury at the Old Bailey Central Criminal Court that between 1949 and September, 1957, he had occasionally dealt in stolen goods.

CONTACT

Since making his arrangement with Hammerley he had received some stolen goods, he said.

Asked if the detective knew this had occurred, Walte said: "It was through Mr Hammerley's contact that I got the stolen goods from a man named Richardson."

Last year, he told the detective he had been offered stolen cigarettes. He alleged Hammerley later said the British Railway police would be investigating the theft and remarked: "I think we will be on a good thing there if we can recover the cigarettes. We should get about £1,500 from the insurance company."

Walte said he received some of the cigarettes which were later found on his premises by railway police.

He alleged that he also gave money and Christmas food to Hammerley. He claimed, would also order £2 to £3 worth of groceries, offer 10 shillings in payment and then wait for the change.

He denied he told his story about the police when he thought he was in danger of being prosecuted himself.

The hearing adjourned until tomorrow.—China Mail Special.

EXPLORER HAS RENEWED US PRESTIGE

Washington, Feb. 11. Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles, said today that the recent launching of the American satellite "Explorer" had helped to re-establish the prestige of the United States in the world.

Dulles said the launching had also led to confidence abroad in the mission assumed by the United States as leader of the free world.

America's prestige had dropped after the successive failures of the operation "Vanguard," but the speed with which the last ground was made up had produced a favourable impression everywhere in the world, Dulles added.—France-Press.

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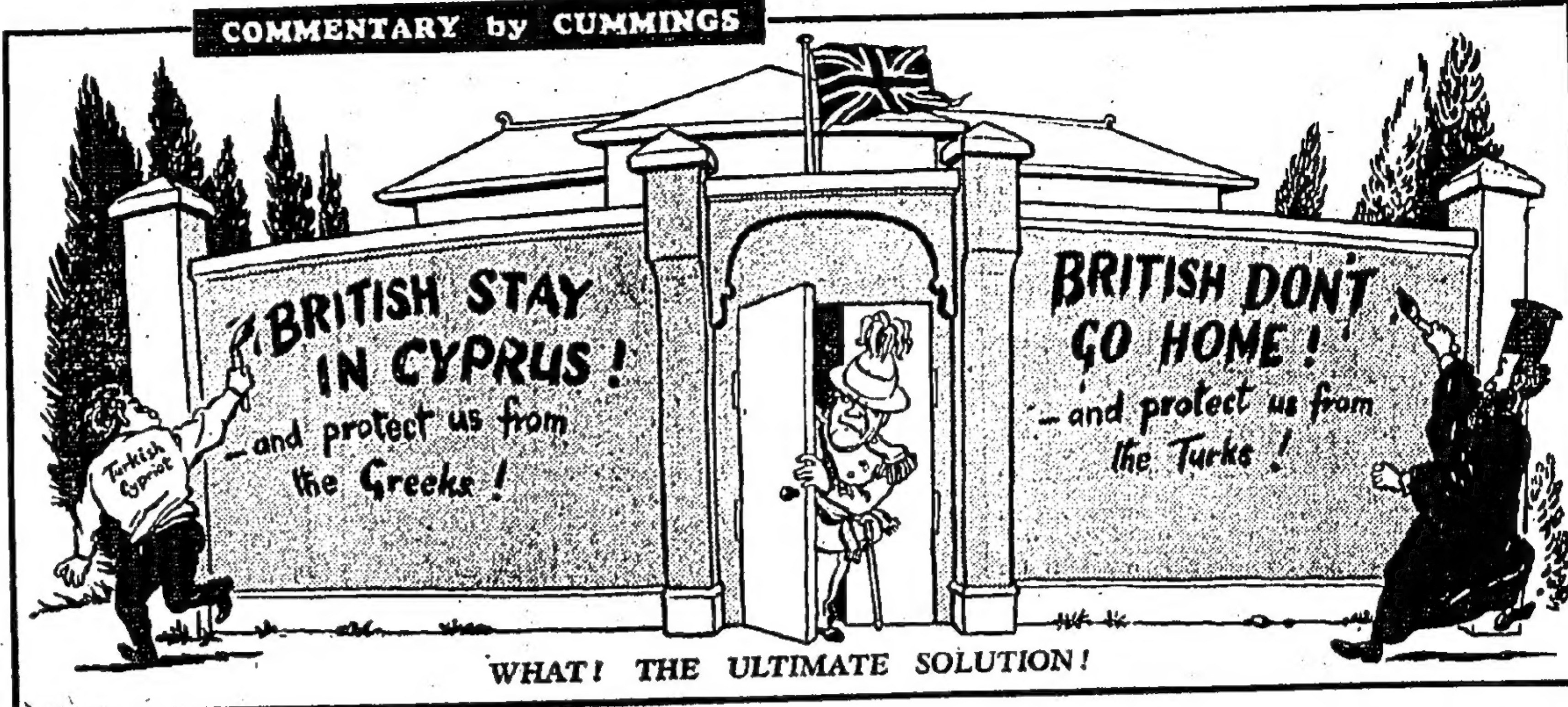


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This fantastic Cyprus situation

COMMENTARY by CUMMINGS



WHAT! THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION!

'Who are we fighting today, Sarge?' —that's how mixed-up everything is

from DONALD WISE: Nicosia.

IN death men look so small and the two unshaven, ragged Turks looked very dead and very small.

Their blood reddened the yellow stripe running round the waist of the beat-up old taxi, and their brother, standing next to me as we looked at them, said furiously: "Harding would never have allowed this."

But Sir John has gone. So has Sir Hugh Foot—to Ankara.

So has Major-General Joe Kendrew, security forces

commander—to an atomic warfare course in Britain.

The Chief Secretary is on sick leave. Who is giving governing directives to soldiers and police on the brick-and-burned rubber battlefield that is Nicosia?

And what is the policy? None of our fighting men knows. I doubt if there is a policy.

The two little corpses in the taxi helped us during Eoka troubles.

'Disaster'

TURKS got hold of me today and said: "We wanted to celebrate because the radio said you British had agreed in principle to partition. Now you kill us."

Titled officers of the Blues who recently played a series of polo matches against the Turkish Army in Ankara sat glumly in the turrets of their Ferret armoured cars. "This is disaster," they said.

The little men were shot dead when they burst through four roadblocks manned by troops. The troops quite rightly opened fire when the driver pressed on.

The Turks inside had been given the okay by someone to rush a wounded man to hospital and spoke no English.

Confusion, death, and hatred.

Sir John Harding believed in law and order. By making concessions to the Greeks—releasing Eoka detainees and prisoners—and by his personal appearances in the villages Sir Hugh has won some admiration from them.

As gestures they were magnificent. But the Turks feel they will be betrayed by him.

Bitter

THEY raged here when he said on his arrival in Turkey that he thought that Greeks and Turks could live peacefully together. Sir John never believed that. Nor do they. Generals, administrators, and policemen have ground

their teeth in rage and told me: "If only we had a policy in Cyprus."

I toured Turkey-town today with Turkish leaders Yumit Suleiman, Raouf Dentash, and the son of the murti (religious leader).

At roadblocks, in alleyways, in the streets, they pleaded for calm with mobs baying for blood—British blood. Bitter as they were, they beseeched, yes, beseeched, their people to go home.

The tear gas from yesterday's riots clung to the wet streets and was as effective as if it had just been fired.

Young National Servicemen of the Suffolk Regiment, which did yeoman service against Communists in Malaya, are bewildered. "Who are we fighting today, Sarge?" asked one in his rolling country accent. The little dead men in the taxi, as things turned out.

Tidings

THEY died beneath a rolling Arabic inscription written on the gate through which British troops marched to leave the island from Turkey in 1878.

"O, Mohammed, give these tidings to the faithful. Victory is from God and triumph is very near. O, opener of doors, open for us the best of doors," it runs.

Well, mortuary doors opened for them. And no one is any the wiser. Turkey is our ally and Cyprus Turks have stood by us in hard times.

The best of doors should be opened to them and the politicians and the soldiers and everyone who has been loyal to us.

There must be a policy. Playing for time here is a poker game with death.

ALL IN A DOCTOR'S DAY . . . by GEORIC CARNE

BUT IT'S STILL ASPIRIN

IN recent years the drugs that have starred have been penicillin, streptomycin, cortisone. Their dramatic names have flashed across the lights of the medical world while older ex-stars remain on the shelf. Yet aspirin, though discovered in the nineteenth century, is still playing a merciful and vital part to this day. It deals with villainous headaches and florid temperatures.

And now? Why, ask any friend of yours suffering from influenza whether he'd prefer caviar or a couple of those ordinary white tablets.

Yet Mr Oscar Perkins looked down his nose when I prescribed aspirin. It was as if I had insulted him. I could tell that he was thinking "I haven't come all this way for a consultation just to be prescribed aspirin."

Pink or brown

"Right," I said, "I'll give you acetylsalicylic acid."

"That sounds better, doctor," Oscar said, happier at last.

It seems familiarity breeds contempt. That is why doctors have to revert to aspirin's other name—acetylsalicylic acid—so that patients don't go off in a huff.

In order to disguise aspirin further doctors even have to give it in Technicolour, in pink or brown tablets.

Yet it is a most valuable analgesic. That is to say it kills pain. It also has the ability to bring down high temporary drug-caused fever. Hence its importance in

a hundred and one conditions, varying from influenza to arthritis.

Mistaken notion

"Oh, I take an aspirin occasionally," Oscar Perkins admitted. "Often in a combined tablet containing phenacetin and codeine."

Phenacetin has very similar properties to aspirin and is almost as safe while codeine is of great use in suppressing a hacking cough which may keep a patient awake at night.

There is no evidence that the soothing actions of such pain-killing combinations is greater than the sum of its parts. The main advantage is that such compound tablets keep the dose of each constituent well below its toxic level.

"Ah, then you admit aspirin can be poisonous if taken too often," Oscar cried.

Side effects

It is surprising how many people have the mistaken notion that aspirin can damage the heart. They will suffer a headache all day rather than take this simple magic remedy.

The most common cause of heart disease is rheumatoid fever. And in this condition doctors prescribe as many as 30 tablets of aspirin a day for many weeks. They do this knowing that the drug cannot even damage an already suspect heart.

"Surely taking that sort of dose leads to some side effects?" Oscar said, surprised.

At worst the patient suffers from heartburn or giddiness or noises in the ears, but it is not very often that the doctor has to worry about such complications.

Of course, a few people will break out in a rash almost when they see an aspirin in somebody else's handbag. And asthmatics and those who suffer from hay fever may occasionally have a reaction after taking only one aspirin.

Still the star

But then there are a few unlucky ones who are allergic even to a weak gin and strong tonic. Recently doctors have discussed how aspirin may act as a stomach irritant.

"Certainly, people who have ulcers particularly should be wary of taking aspirin unless prescribed by their doctors," I said.

In the same way those who are suffering from a hangover should not rush to take an aspirin on its own as the stomach wall may already be irritated from last night's binge.

"But it's still the star of them all," I said. "Even in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis some doctors believe aspirin to be as valuable as cortisone."

So it was aspirin for Oscar and, come to think of it, my Oscar for aspirin.

Smoking, a doctor, and good advice

THE most definite medical pronouncement on the dangers of smoking yet made is published as a 16-page pamphlet by the British Medical Association.

Yet the official who wrote it, 40-year-old Dr Harvey Flack, is an inveterate smoker of cigarettes and has no intention of giving them up.

Dr Flack, who is editor of the Association's health journal, Family Doctor, and writes under the pen-name of Dr Harvey Graham, answered questions which every worried smoker would like to ask.

Q: In urging people to stop smoking while you carry on, don't you feel like a person who is secretly an atheist?

Dr Flack: As a doctor it is my duty to give the best medical advice to others. I can take any risk I like with my own body.

Q: Have you tried to give up smoking in view of the risks you claim are proved?

Dr Flack: No. I like it too much and it helps me in my work. But I have cut down from 50 cigarettes a day to 25.

Q: Is 25 a safe limit?

Dr Flack: No. The evidence suggests that 15 is the safe limit but I consider that the pleasure which 25 cigarettes bring me outweighs the fear and danger of possible lung cancer.

Q: How do you square this reasoning with the repeated warnings in your pamphlet?

Dr Flack: I don't. For addicts like me it is a question of balancing risks. In my case I prefer to accept the fear and danger of lung cancer rather than endure the unpleasant withdrawal symptoms I should experience if I gave up smoking altogether.

My risk

Q: Having weighed up the statistics, how do you assess your risk of contracting lung cancer?

Dr Flack: I estimate my chance of about 1 in 100 instead of 1 in 300 which is the risk the non-smoker runs. If I kept on smoking 50 a day I think my chance would be about 1 in 50. So by halving my cigarette consumption I have also halved my personal risk.

Q: How do you expect other addicts to follow your advice?

Dr Flack: By warning of the young people, like my own sons Robin, aged 19, and Alan, aged 12. As an extra inducement I have promised them £100 each if they do not smoke before they are 21.

Q: How old were you when you started to smoke?

Dr Flack: Twenty-one.

Q: You suggest in the pamphlet that after-tip cigarettes may be safer? Do you smoke them?

Dr Flack: No, I loathe them. I can see no point in a cigarette unless you get full satisfaction from it.

Tricks

THE pamphlet, called "Smoking—the Facts," goes further than any previous medical statement in indicting tobacco. "Cigarette smoking is a cause of lung cancer, that's that, and you can't talk your way out of it," it says.

Dr Flack lists "simple tricks for giving up smoking" in the Family Doctor. Examples: Carry round a little ginger root in your pocket and nibble it when you feel like a smoke.

Resolve never to smoke before a certain time of day or while driving a car. Gargle with a weak solution of silver nitrate.

I asked Dr Flack if he had ever tried any of these tricks. "Of course not, because I have never wanted to give up smoking," he said. "But if I did I would try the ginger dodge."

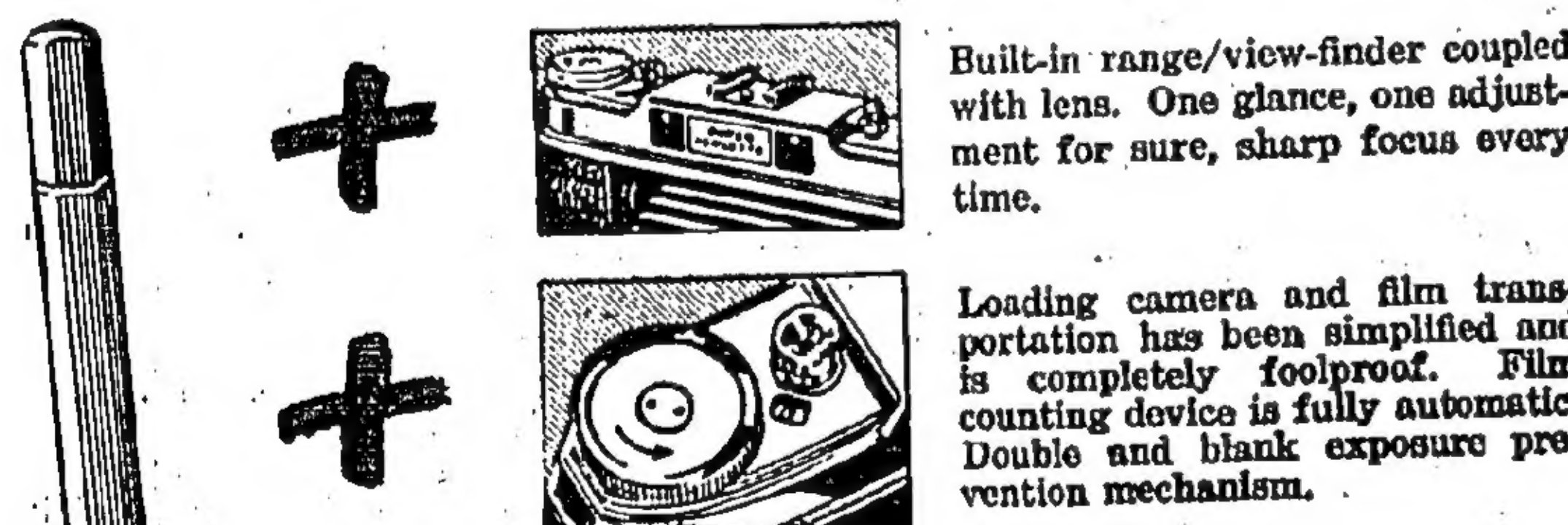
X-rays

OF all the ingredients in the "medicine" Dr Flack prescribes for others he takes only one himself—the big chest X-ray every year. That makes him feel reasonably safe to go on smoking until the next X-ray.

Dr Flack does not deny that there is a degree of self-deception in his excuses for continuing to smoke. As he draws deeply on a cigarette it is obvious that he enjoys smoking so much that life would lose much of its savour without it.

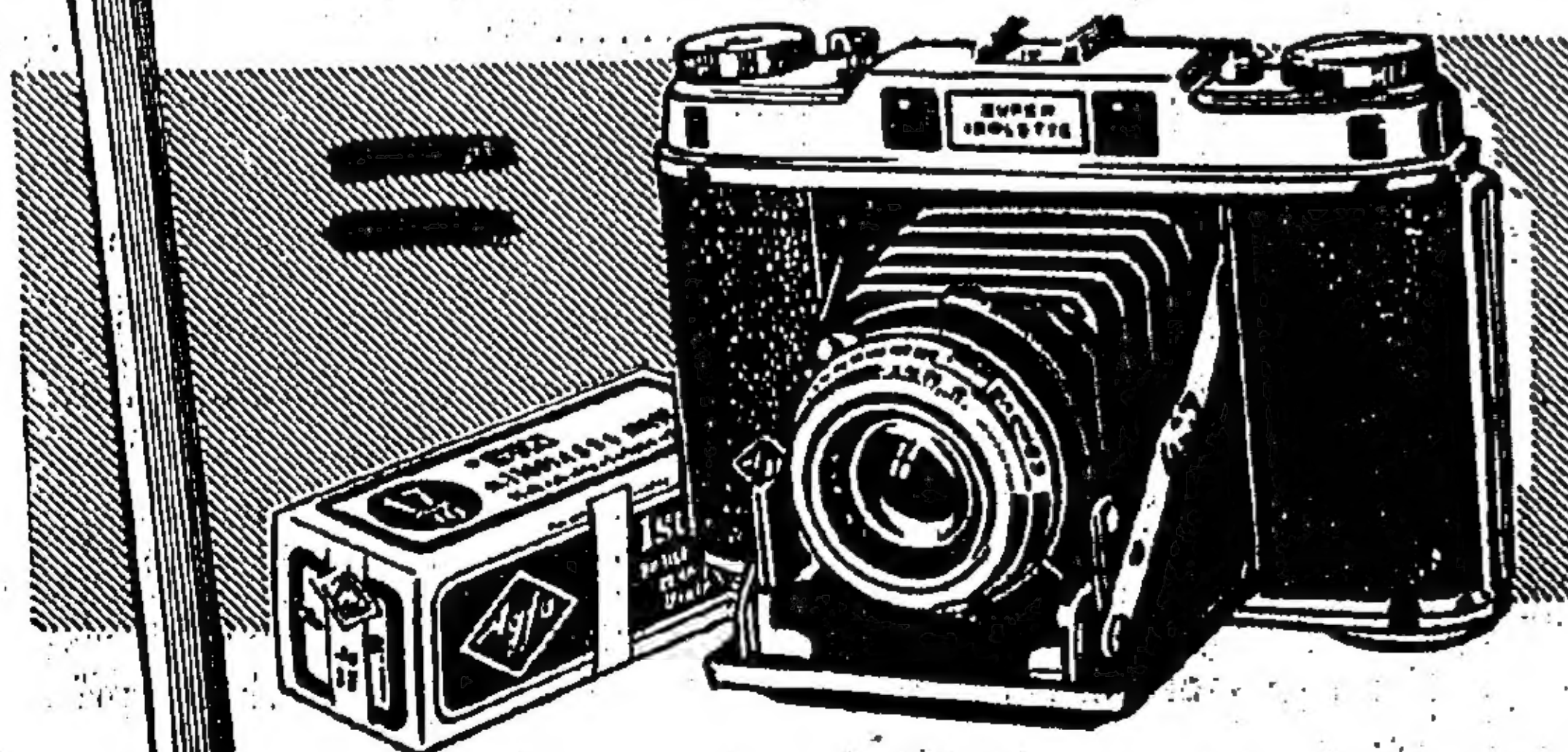
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Stinging Left Thrown At Boxing World

Paris, Feb. 11. Throwing a stinging left at the boxing world, a French lawyer today described boxing managers and promoters as a gang of mass murderers.

Lawyer Gripaldi was representing in a Paris court light-weight boxer Theo Nollat of Martinique who claims he became blind in the ring.

Twenty-eight-year-old Nollat in suing his manager, two doctors connected with a Paris boxing club and the French Boxing Federation for damages totalling 50 million francs.

Gripaldi told the court: "The boxing gang carries out mass murder without mercy. These dead, these blind, these punch-drunk boxers are churned out by managers and promoters so that the public can jump for joy as they see the blood flow."

He claimed that 80 percent of professional boxers suffered from mental or eye disorders.

The next hearing is slated for March 25—France-Press.

NOTICE

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United's Application For Postponement Granted Fifth Round Match On Feb. 19

London, Feb. 11. The English Football Association today agreed to Manchester United's application for the postponement of their Cup match on Saturday.

Seven United players were killed and nine injured in last Thursday's air crash at Munich.

The fifth round match, against Sheffield Wednesday, will now be played under floodlights at Manchester on Wednesday, February 19.

United have been told that any new players they may sign before the Cup match will be eligible to play. Normally 14 days have to elapse before a new player is permitted to compete in the Cup competition.

Home League Match

Because of the postponement, Sheffield Wednesday will play their home League match with Chelsea on Saturday.

In reply to United's inquiry if a player would be eligible if he had played for another club in the Cup competition this season, the FA told them to submit the name of such a man before signing him. A committee would then examine each case on its merits.—China Mail Special.

Manchester U. Are Now Fourth Favourites

London, Feb. 11. Manchester United, who before the plane crash at Munich were 9-4 favourites for the English Football Association Cup, are now fourth favourites at 100-9.

But they were backed to win £10,000 when the card was called over at the Victoria Club here today.

The only other team to be backed substantially were Sheffield United, supported to win £10,000.

THE ODDS

2-1 against Wolverhampton Wanderers.
7-2 West Bromwich Albion.
5-1 Bolton.
100-9 Manchester United.
100-9 West Ham.
23-1 Sheffield Wednesday.
33-1 Liverpool, Fulham and Sheffield United.
40-1 Blackburn Rovers and Cardiff.
50-1 and upwards others.—Reuter.

Higher Soccer Wages Mean Fewer Players, Says Fulham Manager

By JAMES CONNOLLY

London. High soccer wages must mean fewer paid players. That is the forecast of Fulham's general manager Frank Osborne. It is an opinion likely to be shared by the majority of League club managers.

"If every first-team player is to get £20 a week and others corresponding increases, then we may have to trim our staff. Don't forget that with all the odd trimmings the top-class men will be bringing their earnings up to something like £35 a week.

"We have 42 professionals. We run four teams. It even costs us £100 a week to run a side in the Metropolitan League because we get no gates, play all our games away.

"The Players' Union say they want £25 a week maximum. When will the League stop giving way to them?"

"I would not mind if we were allowed to pay players as much as we liked," was Osborne's final comment.

Now that provides a good talking point. I don't suppose Johnny Haynes would mind going into a higher salary bracket, but others could be paid only in proportion to their worth, and that would not mean £20 a week all round.

Football finance is a tricky business. Fulham have received £15,000 compensation for the loss of centre-forward Bedford Jezzard.

Three months before he received the injury that ended his career, Fulham could have collected £27,500 by transferring him to Stoke.

Training Session

When I saw Jezzard in a training session at the ground this week, I agreed with manager Osborne's opinion that he could return to the game.

There is, of course, no likelihood of Jezzard returning to play. He himself would have to give up the £4,000 compensation he received, and, frankly, he is doing a very good job, inspiring the younger players and having the confidence of the older ones by his personal example.

Bobby Robson, top star with Ronnie Allen in the all-conquering West Bromwich team, is happy at last. He feels

P. I. TENNIS

Schmidt & Ampon Advance Into Semi-Finals

Manila, Feb. 12. Sweden's Ulf Schmidt and the Philippines' Feliciano Ampon continued to prove a potent combination yesterday as they advanced into the semi-finals of the current Philippine Open Tennis Championships.

They trounced Augusto Villaveva and Sam Ang 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.

By coincidence, Schmidt and Ampon are the No. 2 players of their respective countries.

Juan and Guillermo Jose triumphed over Leonardo Gavia and Ruben Escobar 10-8, 6-3, 8-6.

Two other brothers, Eduardo and Miguel Domingo, hurled Federico Deyro and Serafin Calles 2-6, 6-1, 6-2, while Oscar Camano and Amato Sanchez eliminated Jesus and Guillermo Hernandez 6-1, 6-3, 6-4.—France-Press.

MOTOR RACING

Turin, Feb. 11. America's driving ace, Harry Schell, is to drive one of the five German 750 cc "Ariels" racers in the "Selling 12 Hours" race to be announced here today.

With their normal 600 cc engines boosted up to 750 cc, the five German racers have clocked 102 miles an hour during tests on the Turin-Milan highway.—France-Press.

—and this is something manager Vic Buckingham never doubted that he is worth the £25,000 Albion paid Fulham for him two years ago.

"When I first joined Albion my prospects were fine, but I just didn't click. As a deep-lying inside man, I couldn't find my Fulham form," Robson told me the other day.

"Then, last season, I was in and out of the first team. My wife was ill, and let's face it, I was most unhappy because I knew I wasn't playing well.

Only Solution

"My wife and I both missed London. I thought a transfer was the only solution. But I never asked.

"The club had treated us well and we decided that it was up to me to fight back, to prove to myself and everyone else that I could make the grade.

"Now I have realised one ambition and played for England—back in my old attacking forward role—I am feeling happier and more confident."

A good skipper is worth his weight in gold, but Scunthorpe, Cup-shock team from the Third Division, paid only £1,000 to Robson in the close season for right-half Frank Marshall.

"I bought him as a skipper," says manager Ron Sturt.

"I knew he was a man capable of making his own decisions in times of crisis—he proved that at Newcastle—and I felt he had the initiative to be boss on the field.

"Now, of course, we know we got a bargain."

Tommy Lawton believes that, with the right inside-forward "general," he will have a good Nottingham County team.

His idea of the right man is Noel Kinsey, of Birmingham.

He can't go to the £5,000 Birmingham were asking, but he hopes to get over that by offering left-winger Gordon Wills, a younger Birmingham fancy, in exchange.

Northampton made £4,000 out of the Cup, but they are £15,000 in the red.

West Indies Win Second Test Against Pakistan

Port-of-Spain, Feb. 11. The West Indies won the second Test match against Pakistan here today. Their first Test at Barbados ended in a draw.

Pakistan were all out for 235 runs in their second innings when Nadim Ghani was bowled by Gibbs for a duck in the last wicket stand.

The scores were: West Indies 323 and 312, and Pakistan 282 and 235.

In a radio interview after the match, the West Indies captain, Gerry Alexander, complimented Pakistan's skipper, Abdul Kardar, for the excellent and exemplary sportsmanship displayed by the tourists.

Alexander emphasised that the West Indies had won the match after a grim struggle.

Kardar congratulated the West Indies on their deserving victory. He said the West Indies victory "shows how a home team can fight when it must do so"—France-Press.

That's why I believe that they will be ready to sell wing-half Ray Yeoman.

Charlton manager Jimmy Trotter hopes to sign two youngsters from North Shields, his home town. They are inside-forward Alan Nickalls and his brother, left-winger Bobby Nickalls.

"They were recommended by my brother," says Jimmy. "Young Alan started with the works team, that gave me my first chance."

But Charlton aren't on their own. Preston also want Alan.

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Peter Thomson Wants Bobby Locke For Commonwealth Tour This Year

London, Feb. 11. Peter Thomson, of Australia, three times winner of the British Open Championship, will start his Commonwealth golf troupe's tour in September or October.

The "Circus," consisting of Thomson and three other players selected from the world's top golfers, will tour Australia and New Zealand, and possibly also the Philippines, Japan and South Africa.

Speaking at a Press Conference here today, Thomson said he would not select the players until after the 1958 British Open Championship in July, so that he could take current form into account.

But the man he wanted, form or no form, was Bobby Locke, of South Africa.

Thomson added that another South African, Gary Player, and David Thomas, the young British golfer who has been doing well in overseas tournaments, were "quite likely" to be in the troupe. He would also be interested in the winner of this year's British Open.—Reuter.

Dommy Ursua May Fight Thai Or Japanese Boxer

Manila, Feb. 12. Negotiations are underway to pit world ranking flyweight Dommy Ursua against Thailand's Pone Kingpetch or Japan's Masakazu Ohkura in a non-title bout in Manila on March 15, it was disclosed today.

The Filipino boxing promoter, Narciso Sangle, said he expected to reach agreement on the Ursua-Pone encounter sometime next week.

Sangle said that if he talks with Pone's manager failed he would line up Ohkura against Ursua.

The Thai boxer now leads Ursua in the flyweight ratings of both the National Boxing Association and the Ring Magazine. Their last bout in Bangkok ended in pandemonium among Thai fans who condemned Ursua's alleged foul tactics.

If Ohkura does not fight Ursua in the March 15 card, Sangle said, the Japanese slugger will be pitted against a leading bantamweight or featherweight in the main supporting bout.—United Press.



The Sports Parade spotlight this week shines brightly on a noted athlete who, unheralded, slipped quietly into the Colony by air last week and is already busy. It is none other than, Warrant Officer Sidney Coleman ARVC who has been appointed to serve under the DOPF at HQF.

His record is one quite unsurpassed in his field of activity. A senior Amateur Athletic Association coach, he has been on the staff of Loughborough College for eight years and this must mean that he is one of the most knowledgeable and able of coaches.

His personal record is outstanding, and, having won the British Decathlon event in 1949, he was runner-up for the next four years, and in 1955 at the age of 43 he still contrived a third place in this event which has of late years been attracting the attention of more and more young athletes.

It goes without saying that he is an Inter-Services and Army Champion and held the title for the discus for three consecutive years, and has represented the Combined Services and Army in the pole vault and hammer events.

Not content with this he has been runner-up at the Army diving championships, and as a hockey player has had a UK Inter-Services trial, and played for Singapore.

At an age when most athletes are busy reaping their former exploits he is still actively interested in his past events and although he is modest about his chances of "bagging" a Colony Championship, his money will be on him to win the pole vault and hammer distances, and very probably the discus also.

In welcoming him into the local Sports circles I can only hope that he may find time to pass on to all the fund of knowledge he must possess.

Walking Race

News from the athletic world is that the annual 10-mile road race with which it is run, on rather wretched, the 2 1/2-mile race walk, will take place next Sunday, February 16, commencing at 1500 hrs sharp from the King George V School where the races will also finish.

The longer race will be both technical and a test of character, and teams of seven will compete for the two team prizes while the first three individuals home will receive awards.

Entry fees are \$10 per team and \$2 per individual, the team fee covering the seven for individual entry.

The following week features the Outdoor Sports Festival to be held at the Government Stadium and from a large array of sports, Athletics will receive an allocation of two 20-minute periods in which it is to hold 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1,600 metres races plus at least one relay.

The proposed United States Air Forces in the Far East, Taiwan AAF and the RASC match is being held as the former have definitely agreed to send a team for a football match on March 12 next, and if Taiwan also agree, it should provide an event even more to the public taste than last season's International 30,000-metre race.

It is certain that many of the open records will be smashed as the first news of the American performances list a 400 M in 47.9 seconds, a 4 minute 22 second mile, a pole vault of 12 feet 8 inches, and a 40 1/2 feet hop, step and jump. The Taiwan performances will be somewhere in this class also, and some local athletes may be rather outclassed in some events.

There are any number of ways in which they will hold their own, and in any case the opportunity of studying the style and technique of well trained and coached athletes should be of great benefit to local sportsmen.

All Army athletes should be getting down to hard training now as I am sure the local Association will be turning to the Services when it comes to selection time.

Goal Advantage

I am pleased to report that the ulcers of Army team manager Capt. Walley Alder are responding well to his treatment being given by his team. Their third successive (this time a one goal advantage over the RAF, was perhaps a little fortunate. However, as is so often stated, it is goals that count and the Army's danger of relegation a considerable distance further away.

Well done, lads, keep it up.

With the ending of stage one of the Major and Minor Unit knock-out competition, football fans will be looking forward to the draw for the next round. No "my mind" and "my opinion" result of this round was my

THE GAMBOLS



By Barry Appleby



YOU'LL ALWAYS BE 'IN HOT WATER'



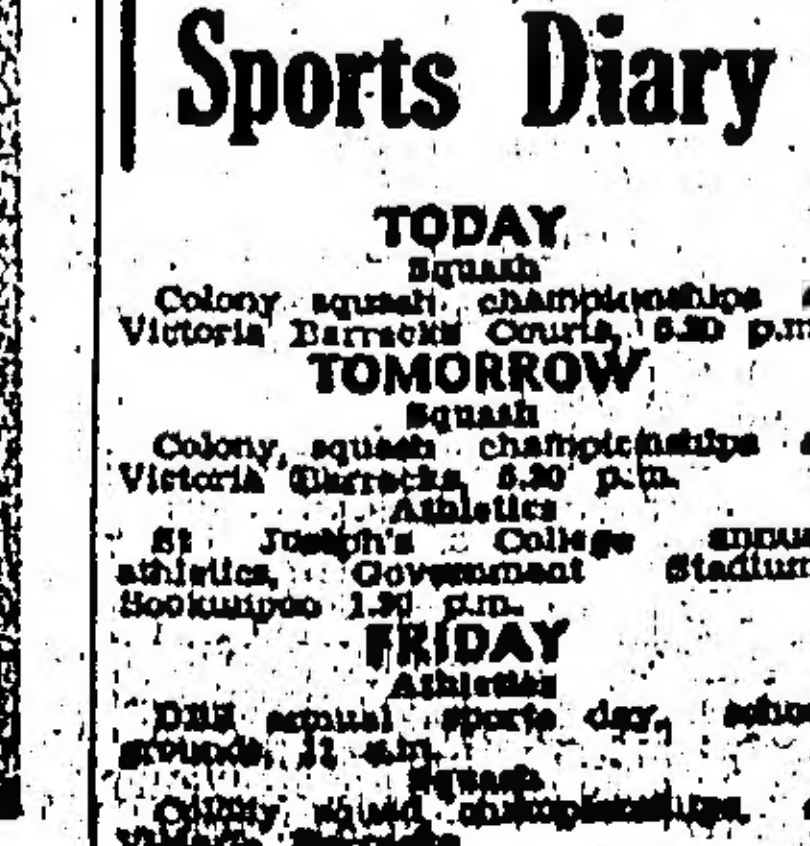
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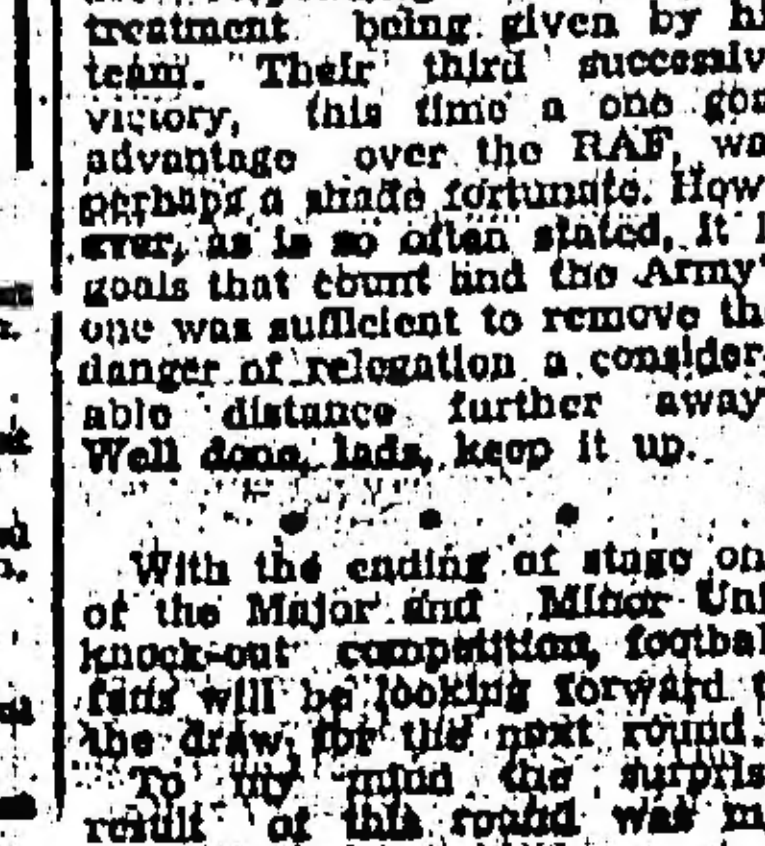
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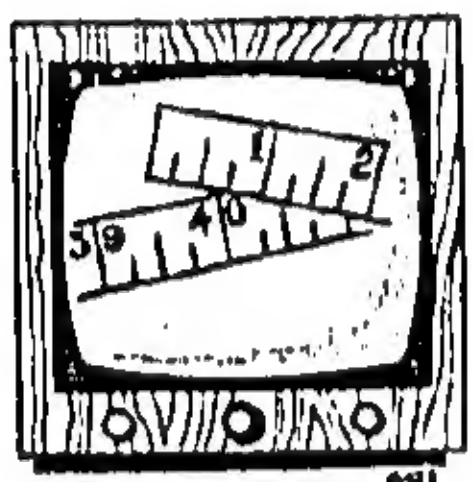


A FEW DAYS BEFORE...



Many members of the Manchester United Football team lost their lives — and many were injured when the aircraft carrying them back to Manchester from Belgrade — after their match with "Red Star" — crashed at Munich, Germany.

This photo shows:—Famous manager Matt Busby — giving a briefing to members of the team — in Belgrade — a short while before the match which was drawn 3-3.—Keystone Photo.

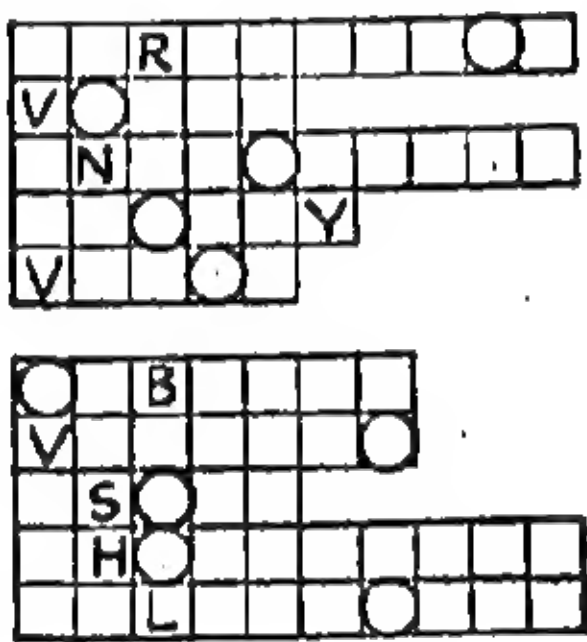


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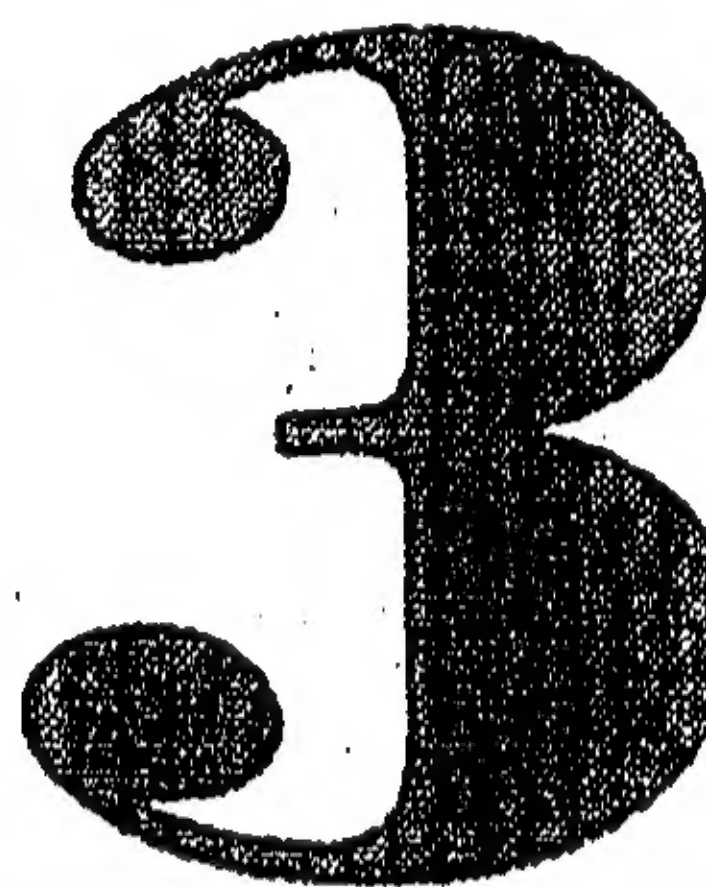
INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

1. Acting
2. Human sound
3. Amuses
4. Light play
5. Lively
6. Goddess of the Sovern
7. Spice of life
8. Big hearted?
9. On the stage
10. One-eyed monster?

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A FOOTBALL MANAGER'S JOB

One Of The Most Precarious Of All Occupations

Says LEN SHACKLETON

London.

Very rarely do big business companies ask for the resignation of a manager. Usually these jobs are for life—but it is very different with soccer management.

Nearly every week some manager or other gets the "hammer," which proves that a football manager's job is one of the most precarious of all occupations.

To be successful as a manager means:

1. You have to have a thorough knowledge of football.
2. You must know how to handle all kinds of temperamental players.
3. You must be able to handle the club directors.

These men are used to being "boss" in their own particular business and don't, as a rule, take kindly to allowing the manager of their soccer club to be in charge of what is usually their hobby.

A Big Part

In addition to these qualities a manager needs a great deal of luck for that plays such a big part.

Take Peter Doherty's case. I have played against Peter a number of times and marvelled at his ball control and energy. For my money he was the best inside-forward of all time, and he went into soccer management with all the qualities needed to be as great a manager as he was a player.

Doncaster — the club from which he resigned a few days ago — are at the foot of Division II.

But yet he has piloted Northern Ireland into a place in the World Cup Finals and also to

that tremendous triumph over England at Wembley.

What greater example could there be of luck playing such a big part in the managerial job?

His club is struggling, but his country is riding the crest of the wave. How frustrating football is.

If Peter Doherty had been nothing more than manager of a club in such a sorry plight as Doncaster are in today, it might have been the case of another great player not making the grade as manager.

But that is not so, for Northern Ireland under his guidance are taking all before them.

Some time ago a well-known football manager said: "The finest tribute that can be paid to a player is for him to be asked to be manager of the club for which he played."

That was long before England, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales thought about appointing team managers for national sides.

What a great honour it is, then, for Peter Doherty and Matt Busby to be in charge of Northern Ireland and Scotland respectively.

Will A Second Division Club Win The FA Cup Final This Year?

By TOM FINNEY

London.

Last time a Second Division club won the FA Cup was in 1931, when West Bromwich beat Birmingham City at Wembley. Now, with only five First Division teams left in, nine Second Division teams and two from the Northern Section, many people are asking: will a Second Division club take the Wembley prize this year?

Let's face it. There are fine Second Division sides like West Ham, Fulham, Blackburn, Liverpool and Stoke City still left in. And as Blackburn proved against Everton at Goodison Park, they have the class.

Nevertheless, I still say the Cup winner will come from West Bromwich, Wolves, or Bolton.

Why don't I fancy any of the Second Division sides? It is mighty hard to win both the League and the Cup. Equally difficult is it for a Second Division team to keep its eyes on promotion (what most Second Division teams want) and still keep in the running for the Cup.

And unless I miss my guess, it is obvious that Fulham, Liverpool, West Ham, Blackburn and Stoke will have as their No. 1 target promotion.

Kick And Rush

However, the successes of clubs from the Second and Third Divisions — particularly Scunthorpe's win at Newcastle and Darlington's success over Chelsea — illustrate that the gaps between the divisions are closing year after year.

When I first started playing, there was a tremendous difference between First and Third Division soccer. We still had shocks in the Cup, but Third Division sides used kick and rush methods against the controlled play of the First Division.

But the rise in standards coincided with the appointment of such men as Peter Doherty

and Ralph Carter as player-managers. They brought a touch of class to the Third Division.

In present-day football, we see men like Ivor Broadbent at Charlton, Charlie Miller at Mansfield Town, Peter Farrell and Tommy Eglington at Tranmere and many other class players taking a big part in improving the style of play in the Third Division.

Healthy Regard

This is good for football. It shows the fans how football should be played. But even so, I still cannot see Darlington, Scunthorpe or any of the Second Division clubs winning the Cup, unless the First Division sides are so drawn that they knock each other out.

Turn now to the League — and what a race this is proving before Christmas. It seemed the First Division Championship was sown up, with Wolves certain to take the title. Long ago I felt that Wolves would not win the Championship. And I still stick by that.

I have a healthy regard for Billy Wright and his boys. They are go-getters, who never know when they are licked. But I don't think they will stay the pace when the pressure is on. If they have a couple of quick defeats, the lead they have so laboriously built up since the start of the season will be whittled away.

Frankly, after that 3-0 defeat of Birmingham last Saturday (February 1), we at Preston North End fancy our chances even more. For years people have scoffed at North End and said they were "pretty-pretty" players without any punch. These days — as against Birmingham — the ball seems to be running for us just that little bit better. We are having more shots at goal, and so far things have clicked in our favour.

Now that we are out of the Cup, we can go full steam ahead for the League. We realise that Wolves must slip before we can move ahead of them, but we are playing with the confidence which wins championships. So long as we can keep on plugging away at them, we have a good chance of making this a bumper season for North End.

We were disappointed at being shoved out of the Cup by Bolton. But a Championship medal would be very welcome to Tommy Docherty, Tommy Thompson, Willie Cunningham, Joe Walton and the rest of the lads. And I would still like a League Championship medal to go with my collection. Believe me, I've not given up hope.

I should imagine Manchester United, West Bromwich and Manchester City are feeling the same way. It is by no means a one-horse race for Wolves in the League title race, and they can well come unstuck in going for the League and Cup double. (London Express Service.) (COPYRIGHT)

North Of Scotland Beaten 6-3 By The Wallabies

Scotland, Feb. 11. — The Australian Rugby Union tourists defeated the North of Scotland by six points to three (two penalty goals to a penalty goal) at Linkfield Stadium here today.

North of Scotland led by three points to nil at half time. The ground was surprisingly firm after the thaw and heavy rain of the previous day, but play was scrappy, and the Australians, fielding a makeshift side, looked fresh.

A strong breeze was a key factor in the first half. The Australians played against it and were generally content to keep the home side out.

With the wind behind them after the interval the tourists piled on the pressure and their captain, Harvey, kicked two penalty goals to win the game.

North of Scotland's penalty goal was kicked by Leggat after 10 minutes of the first half.

The North came back strongly to press for the equaliser in the closing minutes, but a score eluded them.

The match was a disappointing curtain-raiser to the Australian-Scotland international at Murrayfield on Saturday. — Reuter.

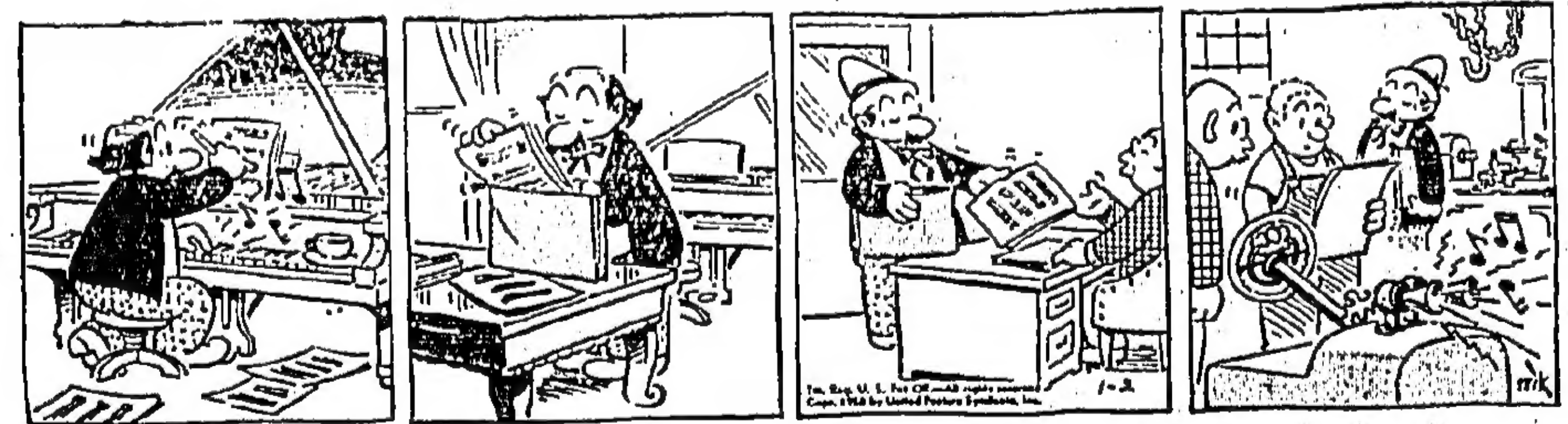
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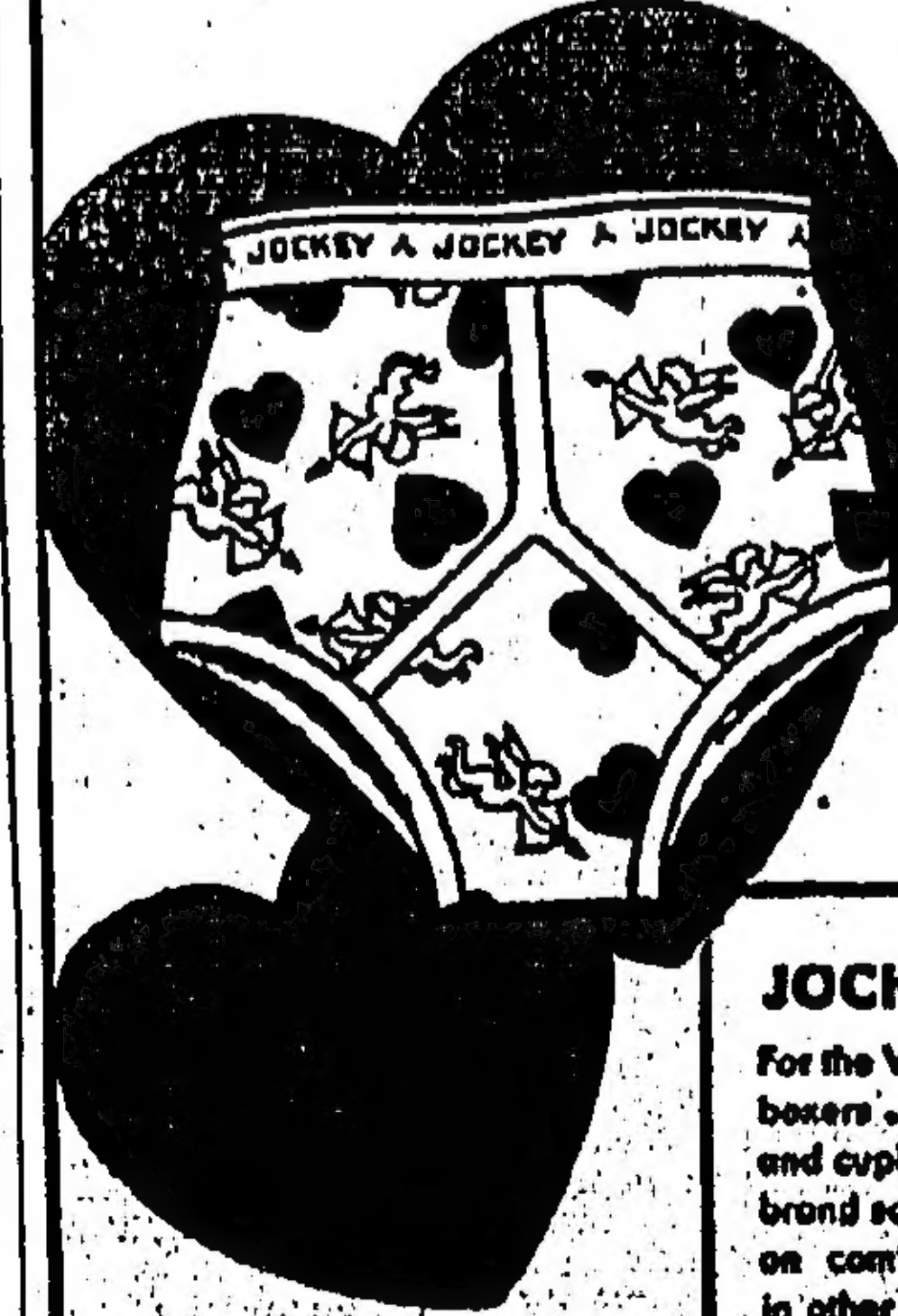


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Macmillan Started Off Badly But Is Now Standing Up Well

Sydney (By Airmail).
It is less than three weeks ago that a VIP plane touched down briefly at Richmond Air Force Station on its way to New Zealand.

A minor official from it told a waiting minister and a group of top service chiefs that the British Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Macmillan, was sleeping and could not be wakened.

The minister and service chiefs shrugged and, being human, no doubt muttered some unkind words, stepped into their cars and went about their business.

That incident seemed to make impossible anything like a successful and popular tour of this country by the British Prime Minister. Newspaper posters that day read: "Minister ignored" and "Service Chiefs snubbed" and they seemed to sum up the feeling.

But as though aware of the handicap, the British PM has set himself out to prove the critics wrong. He has completely cut pomp and as much ceremony as possible during his tour so far and managed to make himself very popular indeed.

On a Queensland station at the weekend he appointed himself an official waiter at a barbecue and efficiently served steaks to policemen, chauffeurs, stockmen and all sorts of other down-to-earth types who wanted them.

After being made an honorary Doctor of Laws at the Australian National University in Canberra he admitted with gusto an un-Macmillan-like grin that he had "found the drill" of donning and doffing his academic bonnet and shaking hands extremely hard to follow.

When he arrived at Mascot he threw a small spinner into the official works when he ignored the open door of his official car and walking across to speak to airport employees.

He and Lady Dorothy strolled down a long line of people and exchanged greetings.

If the airport incident on the way to New Zealand had created any bad impressions, the British Prime Minister has been over backwards to correct them. It must also be admitted that so far he is standing up well to the official strain. In the two weeks that he will be here he is expected to travel 2,630 miles, attend 10 receptions, six official dinners, five official luncheons and make 25 on the record speeches.

It is not to be considered that in the first week of his visit he

has only managed to gawditch in four hours of talks with Mr. Menzies and his ministers. The touring professional by Low Hood seems to be on a big time deal that is going to live up to promise.

According to Ted Schroeder, Low Hood will undoubtedly make a quarter million dollars (about £A120,000) by the time his two-year contract with Jakes Kramer ends in the first six months, up to last week, it is estimated that he has made more than half that amount.

LITTLE SUCCESS

The £2,500 he took from an oil company tournament in Melbourne is not counted. That is just sort of pin money. On the other hand, Mr. Kramer is having very little success with his current professional tournament at Sydney's White City. He confessed he is perplexed by its financial failure.

Up to the middle of this week Mr. Kramer said that so far he had grossed only £2,450 from the tournament. Prize money is £7,250 and he has promised the NSW Lawn Tennis Association a £4,000 rental. General expenses could sop up another thousand here and there.

He says that although he is no more happy about losing money than anyone else, what is concerning him more is why the tournament has failed.

He had in action what must surely be the world's best tennis stars but they have not got the drawing power that he expected. We can only go back to the piece we wrote a few weeks ago in which we said that there was not the slightest doubt that big-time tennis was in a bad way. The company is said to be impressed by what the Caravelle—a short range twin jet—can do. It is reported to cruise at 40,000 feet and would cover the distance from Sydney to Adelaide in 1,200 miles in four hours three minutes compared with something like five and a half hours of present day flying.

QUEEN MOTHER

As the Queen Mother's visit to New Zealand draws to close Australia is preparing to welcome her.

Strangely enough there has been no talk yet of any public holiday for the arrival and it is certain that there will be no outstanding decorations as there were when the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in 1953.

Down at Canberra, however, workmen are busy giving our makeshift Parliament House a facelift for the visit which begins on February 14.

The white exterior, which is to be floodlit when the Queen Mother arrives for the Parliament Royal Ball, is being repainted; the driveway outside the front entrance has been scrubbed (on our opinion, a little early) and the front steps have been roughed so there will be no danger of slipping.

Inside Kings Hall, where the ball will be held, the floor is being repaired and some of the Public Service top officials have ordered a check on the flat roof of the building. This roof is probably one of the leakiest in Australia. It has defied the efforts of many people to seal it. As one official said, "It would be a tragedy if we were forced to use buckets and other receptacles to catch the drips on the night of the ball."

OIL DRILLERS

The fact that various oil companies have drilled Australia full of holes over the last few years looking for oil, and spent more than a few million in the process has not daunted others.

The Government has received 22 applications from oil exploration companies to qualify for the Commonwealth Petroleum Search Subsidy which this year amounts to £300,000 for each application approved.

At Canberra this week a new film—"Bridge on the River Kwai"—had its Australian premiere in the presence of some very distinctive viewers.

The story is about the "World War II" and revolves around the personalities of two strong characters—a British colonel and a Japanese colonel. Among those who saw the premiere was our Governor-General, Field Marshal Sir William Slim, who was Com-

mander-in-Chief of Allied Forces, Burma during World War II. On the other side of the aisle were the top brass from the Japanese Embassy.

The Managing Director of Southern Airlines Ltd, Mr. R. Barnwell, declared this week that the Managing Director of Ansett-ANA, Mr. Ted Ansett, had declared war on his company.

To this declaration, Mr. Ansett later said "Rubbish." He was not interested in Southern Airlines Ltd, and certainly didn't want to buy it. At the moment Mr. Ansett is believed to have sufficient in trying to get hold of Bulger Air Transport, and in spite of his highly Ansett-ANA fleet, it does not seem on the surface that he is being very successful.

There is no doubt, however, that the battle of the skies is really getting tough in this country and must be providing world aircraft manufacturers with a happy hunting ground.

AIRLINE BATTLE

Ansett-ANA has already placed overseas orders for new planes.

Qantas, TEAL and Trans Australia Airways are expected to place large orders later this year.

British, United States and French manufacturers are reported to be fighting a fairly strong battle among themselves for this business.

Out of this one thing is almost certain—for the first time in the history of Australian civil aviation—we will soon have on our internal airlines French planes. TAA is reported to be particularly interested in the French Caravelle jet. The company is said to be impressed by what the Caravelle—a short range twin jet—can do. It is reported to cruise at 40,000 feet and would cover the distance from Sydney to Adelaide in 1,200 miles in four hours three minutes compared with something like five and a half hours of present day flying.

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WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

ROXY & BROADWAY: "Blue Murder At Trinians." A British comedy.

KING'S & PRINCESS: "Denver & Rio Grande." Edmond O'Brien and Sterling Hayden in an outdoor picture.

LEE & ASTOR: "All Mine To Give." Glynis Johns and Cameron Mitchell in a heart warming story.

ALHAMBRA: "Yangtze Bridge." A Chinese picture.

QUEEN'S: "The Quatermass Experiment." Brian Donlevy in some science-fiction.

HOOVER & LIBERTY: "Lone Star." Clark Gable, Ava Gardner and Broderick Crawford in the battle of Texas.

RITZ: "Men In War." Robert Ryan and Aldo Ray in a battle drama.

ORIENTAL: "Bath In The Barn." A German picture.

STAR: "Bagdad." Maureen O'Hara and Paul Christian.

METROPOLE: "Tap Roots." Van Heflin and Susan Hayward.

CAPITOL: "Jumping Jacks." Dean Martin-Jerry Lewis comedy.

MAJESTIC: "Loser Takes All." Glynis Johns and Rossano Brazzi in a romantic comedy.

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By Air
Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 9 a.m.
Fiji, Samoa, 10 a.m.
London, 11 a.m.
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Macao, 8 p.m.

GAMBLING INCREASING IN AUSTRALIA

Melbourne, Feb. 11.
GAMBLING is increasing in Australia.

But it does not at present constitute a serious economic or social threat to the country, according to a survey recently completed by the Bank of New South Wales.

The survey found that:

- ★ State governments have stimulated the gambling habit by applying revenue-raising lotteries; and
- ★ Racecourse betting has increased by 50 per cent.

Reputation

But, said the survey, the "somewhat dubious" reputation of Australians being a nation of born gamblers needs "more than a cursory investigation before acceptance." Probably four out of five of the adult population has a "flutter" occasionally on some form of trivial gambling, but the scale of these operations and the economic consequences are negligible.

"In a different class," said the report, "is the hard core of racing devotees and lottery investors. Often the patron of the 'sport of kings' on Saturday afternoon is also the trotting enthusiast on Saturday night."

"In 1955/56 punters invested £A32,000,000 on totalisators throughout Australia and £A230,000,000 with licensed bookmakers on racecourses in all States except Queensland (for which no figures are available)."

In addition, large amounts were placed in "starting price" wagers.

Off-the-course betting figures are not available. 1954 showed that full-time employees engaged in racing, professional sport, lotteries, and art unions totalled about 10,000. Many racecourse employees are only part-time and many administrative positions are honorary.

50 Per Cent

Racecourse betting in 1955/56 was 50 per cent more than in 1949/50, but not so great as in the boom year of 1952.

Saturday attendances at race meetings in the Melbourne area range between 30,000 and 40,000. This compares with total attendances at other outdoor sports of up to 200,000.

Actual participants in field and other sports on an average Saturday in Melbourne would be about 100,000.

No estimate is possible, however, of the considerable number of people listening to radio broadcasts of the races in homes and hotels, or their traffic with the ubiquitous "starting-price" bookie.

Most widespread public interest in gambling in Australia is in State-wide lotteries.

Lottery-takings and the number of people who buy tickets has risen steadily since World War II.

In eight years ticket sales in the New South Wales State lottery increased from 9,000,000 million to more than 34,000,000 million.

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In 1956/57, accounted for rather less than one per cent of total personal consumption expenditure. This represents about one-tenth of gross gambling expenditure.

The chief economic significance of gambling is, according to the report, "the redistribution of something in the vicinity of 10 per cent of total personal incomes, according to the hazards of a marble in a barrel or judgment of an animal's form."

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SHIPPING

TANKERS FILL BULK OF ORDER BOOKS

London. New orders for ships have dwindled to a trickle in all the leading ship-building countries in the last few months. Some leading yards have not had one new order for the past six months.

The general position is roughly as follows: the British order book totals 6.8 million tons, enough to provide work for about four years; West Germany has three to four years' work in hand; Norway, Sweden, three years; Denmark, three to four years; Japan, two years; and the United States, one year. The position is similar in other leading ship-building countries.

Owners and builders are reluctant to disclose information on cancellations. It is believed, however, that the cancellation of firm orders totals about 100,000 tons gross. Failure to take up berth options probably brings the total up to about 200,000 tons gross.

As time-charterers arranged when conditions favoured ship-owners terminate, still more ships will be laid up or scrapped. Ship values have plunged, and owners must now allow higher depreciation allowances for their modern tonnage, in addition to the high initial costs and interest on capital charges involved.

The position is quickly being reached when it is doubtful if new ships will be able to earn profits sufficient to cover all this, even if full cargoes are available.

Faced with these impending losses, it is understandable that owners—particularly the small companies and speculative operators—are backing out of new tonnage commitments, or shelving immediate plans.

A number of building contracts are changing hands at discounts. In one case a standard 11,000-ton deadweight dry-cargo ship, priced at £1,100,000 for delivery within a few months, can be bought for about £500,000 less.

Buyers generally are expecting discounts up to 10 per cent for immediate purchase.

The British shipbuilding order book covers every type of new going vessel and craft. But tankers still account for the bulk of work in hand (over 50 per cent), and this is the immediate threat to builders.

World tankers in use total over 2 million tons deadweight. Tanker-building is now the "bread and butter" work for many yards. If the demand for them is halted, even for a limited period, shipbuilders will have to think twice before taking heavy capital expenditure for the bigger building berths necessary for giant tankers.

To help yards get export orders, the Japanese Government has allowed that up to 60 per cent can be paid over six years for tankers, and 50 per cent over five years for dry-cargo ships.

Although Britain will almost certainly absorb the lion's share of orders for the more specialised types of shipping, future prosperity will depend upon output of the "super" tankers, bulk carriers and tramp.

Here, competition from the Japanese yards will clearly intensify. By investing in improved welding and new prefabrication methods, Japan has placed great importance on speed than any other ship-building nation.

TANKER RATES FALL SHARPLY

London. Tanker owners suffered another setback last week when single voyage freight rates from the Persian Gulf fell sharply to a new all-time low.

French C.F.R. have fixed a relet T-2 from the Persian Gulf to France at United States Maritime Commission Scale minus 50 per cent, equivalent to about British Ministry of Transport Scale minus 82½ per cent.

This is 10 points lower than a week before and was conceded because there is a considerable block of unemployed tonnage available for early loading in the east, including a number of super tankers.

Almost all the major charterers remain out of the market and, according to one broker, are quite unable to consider any fresh chartering. Some, indeed, are still having difficulty in finding discharging space for the many tankers they have on charter and there are no signs that they will need extra tonnage to cover the greater demand for oil which is normal at this time of the year.

Little business was transacted in the Caribbean to Britain-Continent of Europe trade and rates remained nominally about 50 per cent. The American coastwise trade was reasonably active, however, for United States flag vessels: rates from Caribbean to United States Northern Harbours stood at U.S.M.C. Scale minus 60 per cent.

Nevertheless, it is reported from New York that American major companies have decided upon an expanded lay-up programme bringing their total up to 20 vessels by the end of this month.

The only time-charter fixture reported was of a Swedish tanker, taken by Stavros for 25/00 years clean trading, with delivery August or September next year.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 11. New crop cotton futures rallied briskly after a slow start today when buyers saw fading chances for enactment of legislation in time to increase the 1953 crop acreage.

Old crop deliveries listed in face of the continued slow action in the textile market where dealers reported stiffening competition with synthetic fibres.

At the close the list ruled off 18 to up 37 points. Opening prices were up 3 to 2 points. New Orleans closed up 15 to 24 points.

March contract liquidating first notice day—Feb. 24—also weighed on nearby months.

Open contracts in March at the start of trading today totalled 119,000 bales. The contract totalled 22,344 bales.

Until mid-afternoon trading moved along at a quiet pace while traders awaited new incentives.

With the preliminary loan rate for the new crop decided over the weekend by the Department of Agriculture, traders concentrated attention on farm legislation possibilities.

Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:

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| Mar. | 10,300 | 37.70 | 0.00 |
| Apr. | 14,000 | 37.00 | 0.00 |
| May | 22,000 | 36.00 | 0.00 |
| Jun. | 1,000 | 35.00 | 0.00 |
| Jul. | 1,000 | 34.00 | 0.00 |
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LIVERPOOL. Cotton futures closed in pence per lb. were as follows:

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SAO PAULO. Prices all unquoted today.

In the United States, the average price of one-inch cotton at 14 designated spot markets was 39.68 cents.

Total sales were 67,332 bales.

NEW YORK SUGAR MARKET. New York, Feb. 11. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to 3 points lower with sales of 616 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar closed unchanged to 2 points higher with sales of 60 contracts.

Lower trend in the world contracts followed the decline in raws and reflected disappointment of failure of expected Russian buying to materialize.

Forecasts for a larger world production also counted against prices.

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Open interest: 2,119 contracts.

United Press.

LONDON METAL PRICES. London, Feb. 11. Prices of metals closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

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The New York Stock Market

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The chief item behind early firmness—indications that there may be a tax cut in the offing—was outweighed by later unfavourable news developments:

- An increase in unemployment to the highest level since February, 1950;
- Heaviest dealer stocks of autos in two years;
- New copper price cuts and declines in the metal on the London market;
- Cuts in crude oil runs and crude oil prices;
- Some dividend cuts and poor earnings; postponement of expansion plans and layoffs.

Selling hit in the afternoon with enough force to put reporting tickers behind.

Oil, chemicals, rails and metals led stocks lower on increased volume.

Volume increased to 560,000 shares in the fifth hour when the heaviest selling emerged. This lifted the day's total well above the full volume of yesterday.

For a few minutes shortly after 1000 GMT, the selling attained enough volume to bring tickers back. Earlier trading had been considerably lighter than yesterday's dull session.

The day started with two things in the market's favour and it made an irregular advance.

There were 127 issues traded, 622 New York Stock Exchange volume was 2,110,000 shares.

New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$3,780,000. Dow-Jones closing averages were:

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Allied Chemicals 79 1/2
Allied Mills Inc. 23 1/2
American Can Co. 28 1/2
American Oil Co. 20 1/2
American Paper Co. 10 1/2
American Steel 10 1/2
American Sugar 10 1/2
American Tobacco 10 1/2
American Wire 10 1/2
Armco Steel 10 1/2
Atlas Corp. 10 1/2
Atlas Paper 10 1/2
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Atlas Iridium 10 1/2
Atlas Osmium 10 1/2
Atlas Selenium 10 1/2
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US SATELLITE PASSES OVER COLONY.

Cable and Wireless Company engineers failed to record the signals of the American Explorer satellite which passed over Hongkong at 124 p.m. today.

A spokesman told the China Mail that ever since its launching, Cable and Wireless Co. engineers had been trying to record its signal but were only successful on one occasion.

That was last Thursday. The recording was broadcast over the Chinese programme of Radio Hongkong on the following evening, and the European language channel on Saturday.

Commonwealth Trade Conference

London, Feb. 11. Commonwealth officials and experts from 11 countries met here today to prepare for a ministerial Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference likely to be held in Canada next September.

This first phase of the preparations is expected to conclude next Friday. The officials and experts are likely to meet here again in a few weeks for further detailed work.

The meeting is on the instructions of Commonwealth Finance Ministers who at their last meeting at Mont Tremblant, Canada, last October decided to convene a big Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference this year.

The dates and place for this major meeting have not yet been decided.

The countries represented at the London talks are: Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Ghana, the Federation of Malaya and the Rhodesia-Nyasaland Federation. —Reuter.

General's Denial

Algiers, Feb. 11. A spokesman for General Raoul Salan, French military commander in Algeria, tonight denied that disciplinary action had been taken against a senior French air force officer following last Saturday's French air attack against the Tunisian village of Sakiet Sidi Youssef.

The spokesman said no disciplinary action had been taken against anyone. —France-Press.

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FALSE MOVE—AND DIEN BIEN PHU French Army Confined To Barracks

By ROBIN STAFFORD

Tunis, Feb. 11.

There are 45 French Army camps scattered all over Tunisia and each could become a little Dien Bien Phu like the one France defended and lost in Indo-China.

Japan To Bring Up Rhee Line At Geneva

Tokyo, Feb. 11.

Foreign Minister Aichihiro Fujiyama said today that Japan would positively assert its stand against the Republic of Korea's Rhee Line and the Soviet closure of Peter the Great Bay at the coming UN Geneva conference on laws of the sea.

Replying to a question in the Upper House Foreign Affairs Committee, Fujiyama said this stand was based on Japan's view that territorial waters should be limited to three miles from a nation's coast line.

He denied that the Japanese Government would refrain from bringing up the controversial Rhee Line and the Peter the Great Bay issues up at the Geneva conference.

TOUCHY ISSUE

Fujiyama admitted that the Rhee Line was a touchy issue at present when the Republic of Korea was sending home detained Japanese fishermen and the Japan-ROK negotiations for normalisation of relations were scheduled to be opened soon.

Director Osamu Itagaki of the Foreign Office Asian Affairs Bureau told the Committee that he knew nothing of a reported agreement reached between the United States and the ROK to keep the Rhee Line issue off the agenda of the Geneva conference. —United Press.

Today I entered the biggest camp of them all—Salambo. 10 miles from Tunis along the winding causeway leading to the foothills of ancient Carthage. Five times my car was stopped by blue uniformed Tunisian police and troops.

I reached the headquarters and in the office, I met the French Commander-in-Chief, Major-General Fernand Gambiez. One false move by this mild bespectacled man could bring a murderous inter-racial war to this sunny land.

Won DSO

Said the General who won the DSO with the British Commandos in the last war: "Don't count on me to start a war here. As a soldier I have to say that there were some grounds for the French bombing attack on the village, but as a family man, I can only regret the incident."

He has been unable to meet President Bourguiba to negotiate but the General insisted "I have ordered all my men confined to barracks—so that is a French and not a Tunisian order made to avoid incidents in streets."

General Gambiez has spoken to most of the other French military posts by radio. The General's men have K-rations and the Tunisian traders have been smuggling food to them. Said this mild bald-headed soldier with a slight: "At times, the bravest thing is to do nothing. We are doing just that now." His men are spread hundreds of miles apart and all their air units are grounded by Tunisian orders.

He asked him what he would do if the Tunisians attacked the French settlers. He looked slowly out of the window and said: "We could do nothing in time to protect them. So you see why I am not looking for trouble."

Folies Bergere

Steaming into this Tunis trouble spot on Wednesday, unaware that anything has happened, is France's cutest revue the Folies Bergere, including 20 lovely long-legged English girls. They are booked for a 10-day appearance. —London Express Service.

Anglo-Japanese Trade Pact Due Soon

London, Feb. 12.

The Financial Times today expressed the view that it is probable that a new Anglo-Japanese trade agreement will be signed which will show no major alterations.

"Trade talks between the United Kingdom and Japan are due to start in London on Monday," this London daily pointed out.

"At present, trade between the two countries is governed by an agreement which expired last September, but was extended until March 31, 1958."

"It is expected that the forthcoming talks will last for about six weeks and will lead to the conclusion of a trade agreement valid until April 1, 1959."

OFFICIAL LEVEL

"The talks will be on official level and will be almost entirely concerned with the fixing of quotas."

"Japan is unlikely to raise the problem posed by the UK's invocation of Article 35 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, whereby the UK denies Japan most favoured nation treatment."

"This issue was discussed by Mr. Fujiyama, Japan's Minister of Foreign Affairs, during his visit to London in October of last year. —Reuter."

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I tell lots of nice young men where they can borrow money—but those with some to deposit never look at me!"

Macmillan Acclaimed By Crowds On Arrival In Singapore

Singapore, Feb. 12.

British Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan arrived in Singapore from Australia today.

Crowds pressed against the wire mesh around the tarmac and thronged roof balconies of the airport terminal building as the Prime Minister, accompanied by his wife, Lady Dorothy, stepped down from a special Britannia airliner.

The Prime Minister was greeted by the Governor Sir William Goode, the British Commissioner-General for Southeast Asia, Sir Robert Scott, and the Chief Minister of Singapore, Mr. Lim Yew Hock.

Guard Of Honour

He inspected a Guard of Honour provided by the Royal Malayan Navy, then was introduced to members of the judiciary, government ministers, senior officers of the fighting services, Commonwealth and consular representatives.

After the introduction, the Prime Minister suddenly broke away his escorting party and walked across to a group of Malay and Chinese mechanics.

"How are you. I am very pleased to see you here," he told the group.

The mechanics clapped and cheered. "This is the way," one of the mechanics said.

"Nobody has ever done this before. We are very honoured." The Prime Minister boarded a car but before he left the airport he stopped at the entrance to the tarmac and spoke a few words to another group of workers.

Political Situation

He then left for Government House where in a few hours he will have talks on the political situation in Singapore with the Chief Minister.

Strictest security measures were enforced at the airport. Slouch-hatted Gurkha troops and armed police guarded all entrances.

Plain-clothes security men mingled with the crowd. —Reuter.

Pocket Cut

Cash and jewellery amounting to the total value of \$140 were stolen from a Chinese woman in Hau Wong Road market, Kowloon City, yesterday. The woman's pocket was cut.

Housebreaking

A leather suitcase containing \$850 in cash was stolen from 21 Wood Road between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. yesterday.

Excellent Concert By Blind Students

By R. A. BONES

The Hongkong Music Training Centre for the Blind has now been in existence for little more than three months yet in that short time very great progress has been made.

Every now and again they give a short concert to a small group of invited guests. This not only serves to keep the activities and progress of the students before us but also provides a target and an incentive for the students to work for, and this is an important factor for the success of the school.

Last night I was privileged to be a guest at one of these concerts.

When they started three months ago, none of these youngsters knew a note of music or could play any instrument; each one is now learning the instrument of his choice as well as singing in their choir.

I was most impressed by this choir, they have lusty voices of which they are certainly not afraid of making the most use yet there is a good round tone and a sense of balance and timing which promises exceedingly well.

COMMENDED

Those who sang solo last night are also to be commended. They sang with the assurance of mature artists and showed that in three months they have acquired a good sense and understanding of the music.

It naturally takes longer to learn to play a musical instrument to the standard of being able to play before others than it does to learn to sing even passably well. Here again I was most pleasantly surprised for the performances showed great promise and the relative standard which they have already reached is incredible.

The Training Centre not only teaches the pupils music but other subjects such as English, Geography and Civics which one would find in a normal school curriculum. One young girl who was born blind joined the Training Centre only two months ago. She had never been to school or learnt even Chinese. After two months' tuition she sang "Abide with Me" most charmingly in English with very little accent.

The teachers at the Training Centre are all voluntary workers. They are doing a magnificent and really worthwhile job in giving the students not only the opportunity to be creative artists in their own right but an opportunity to earn their own living. Already there have been many applications for "graduate" and promises of jobs at the end of their four years' training.

COSTS MONEY

All this costs money, of course. In the next few weeks several concerts have been arranged in aid of this scheme. For example the entire proceeds of the two concerts to be given by Miss Irene Liao on March 3 and 5 are being donated to this most worthy cause. Moreover there will be a chance to hear the choir at these concerts. I sincerely hope that everyone who reads these words will support these concerts and that they will be as pleasantly surprised by the singing of this choir as I was.

FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

An elderly woman sustained fatal injuries when she was knocked down by a bicycle in Queen's Road, Central, near the Central Theatre, at about 10.10 a.m. yesterday.

The woman, Cheung Yuet-wan of 18 Bute Street, 1st floor, died shortly after admission to Queen Mary Hospital.

In another traffic accident yesterday, a 12-year-old girl sustained serious injuries after she was knocked down by a private car in Leighton Road, near the junction of Wongnig-chong Road.

The girl, Choi Yuk-kung, who lives at 10 Wongnig-chong Road, is receiving treatment in Queen Mary Hospital.

Leper Fair Netted \$81,465

The total proceeds of the Annual Leper Fair amounted to \$81,465, of which \$45,000 was donated to the general maintenance fund and \$34,000 was going to the building fund.

This was announced by Mrs. Gladys Wain, Chairman of the Leper Fair Committee, who presided at the Marianne Reichl Aid to Lepers' Group meeting held in the South China Morning Post boardroom this morning.

It was decided that \$500 should be given to the Welfare Fund for patients on Hay Ling Chau.

LADY BLACK

Mrs. A. Sommerfeld, President of the Group, said that Lady Black had kindly consented to become Patron and it was hoped that she would attend the Annual General Meeting to be held on March 6 in the Helena May Institute.

Arrangements for the Flag Day fund for April 12, were discussed concerning purchase of the flag, sellers and bases to be manned by European helpers.

The meeting was opened with a prayer offered by Mrs. D. J. Harmon who later spoke of the uplift among the patients by the plastic surgery just commenced by a surgeon from the United States.

Registration Of Shares

Mr Justice J. R. Gregg at the Supreme Court this morning granted applications by two companies for orders for an extension of time in which to deliver for registration returns of allotments of shares.

The first application was by the American Cigarette Co., Ltd. of 258 Gloucester Road. The company was represented by Mr. Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadson, of Messrs Deacons.

The allotment of shares was made on February 22, 1957.

The second company was the Peninsula Taxi Co., Ltd., who were also represented by Mr. Cheung, instructed by Messrs Wilkinson and Grist.

The allotment of shares in this case had been made on March 12, 1957.

Both applications for extension of time were based on the grounds that the failure to file the returns earlier had been due to inadvertence.

DR ASHTON HONOURED

Dr. Frank Ashton, accompanied by his wife and sister, went to Buckingham Palace yesterday to receive the OBE (Civil) awarded by Her Majesty the Queen.

Theft From Cars

A portable radio was stolen from a private car in Bonham Road, near King's College, and an overcoat was stolen from another private car parked in Pennington Street yesterday.

From the Files 25 years AGO

ENTIRE satisfaction was expressed by the owners and builders yesterday on the completion of the official trial run of the ferry Man Kung, first of the new vehicular ferries built by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. to the order of the Hongkong and Yau Ma Tei Ferry Co. for their new combined passenger and motor vehicular service between Hongkong and Kowloon.

In a circular letter to shipping associates and ship-owners, Capt. H. R. Moore, DSO, RN, Director of Plans, states that it is considered desirable that British merchant ships, when carrying out signal exercises with H.M. ships, should take every suitable opportunity of using the new international code of signals.

FORTY-THREE victories, three draws and one defeat constitute the records of Dr. Alexander Alekhine, World Chess Champion, during his stay in Hongkong. His solitary defeat was by E. J. Davies who won last night at Lane Crawford's Restaurant in a simultaneous exhibition in which the visitor took on 37 boards, including the best players in the Colony.

St. Mary's School, Kowloon, a branch of the Italian Convent, had its first prize-day yesterday, the awards being distributed by Mr. G. P. de Martin, the retiring Director of Education. "The school year of 1957 opened with 410 pupils but in September we reached a maximum of 485, a number never attained before," states the annual report.

REAL Scottish bagpipes have been introduced into Tibet and adapted as official instruments by many of the troops there. There were previously native pipes and reeds being used, the genuine article, Mr. M. R. Duncan, an American missionary who has reached Shanghai with his family from Batang tells the North China Daily News that the soldiers and policemen have constructed pipes with real windbags of goatskins and are extremely fond of the music.

In the second day of play in the local Tennis Championship on February 7, L. Goldman had an easy passage, and in accounting for S. A. Gray, conceded only four games. Gray showed a grant improvement in his last year's form and in fact was the more aggressive of the two. L. Goldman beat S. A. Gray 6-2, 6-2.

IN a year's time or so, work will be commenced at Kowloon Tong near Waterloo Road, on a building which, when completed, will rank as the most ultra-modern building in the Colony. This modern edifice will stand right in the midst of the new development scheme in Kowloon. It is intended for the China Light and Power Co., Ltd. which will have their head office there.

Many congratulations have been extended to Mr. R. M. Henderson, on his appointment as Director of Public Works in Hongkong in succession to Mr. H. T. Cressy who recently retired. Mr. Henderson has spent over 20 years in the Public Works Department.

AN interesting event that occurred in North China was the inaugural meeting of a Rotary Club at Tsinan on the night of January 21. The occasion for the meeting was the arrival of the International Rotary Charter from the Chicago headquarters. More than 100 business and professional men, including Chinese, British, Japanese, Americans and Germans, gathered at the social hall of the Bank of Communications for this occasion.

London: In the City Police Court today a labourer named Timothy Phillips was charged with breaking into the Bank of England, which was alleged to be as impenetrable as Gibraltar. Phillips, who was discovered by the night watchman, volunteered the information that he had entered the Bank through an open window which he pointed out to the watchman.